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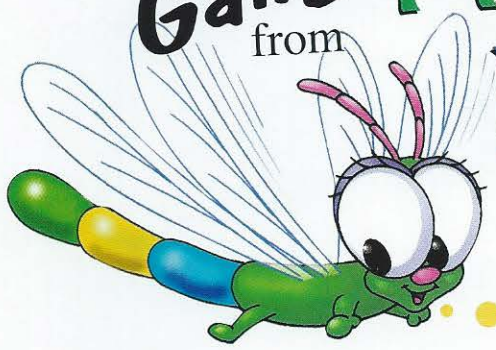

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It's me...Dewey. Color in the first and last columns all the way down. Now, color the third one down in the second and third column.

Welcome. I am Burman. Please color the first column all the way down. Color the top, third and bottom rows all the way across.

Hi Pals! Mazey here. Color in the first column all the way down. Then, color all of the squares in the bottom row.

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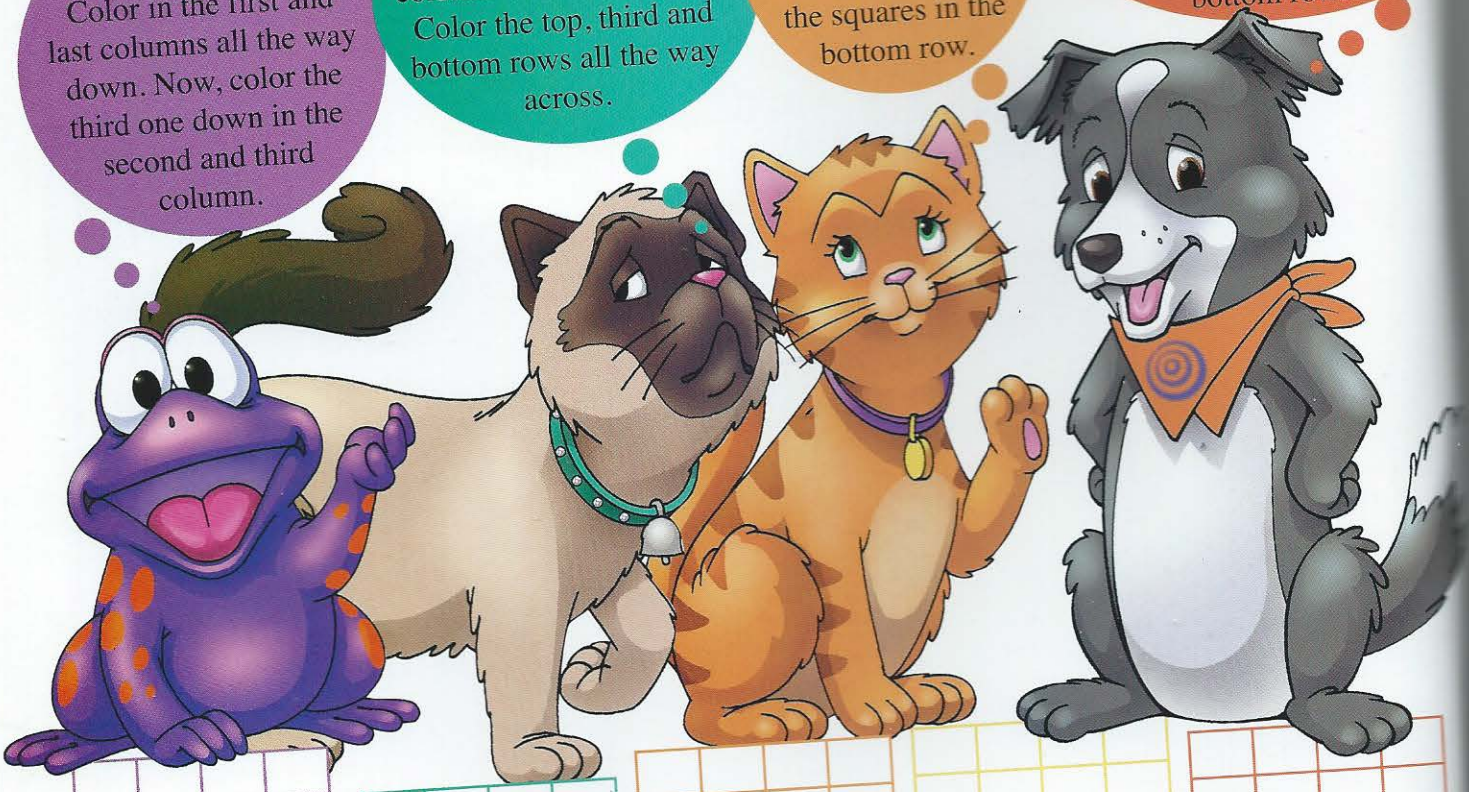

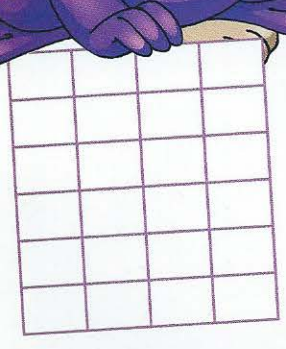

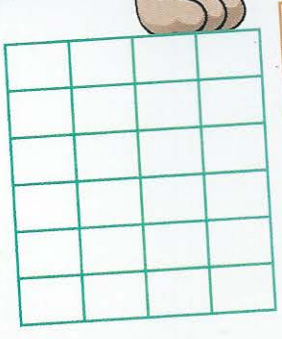

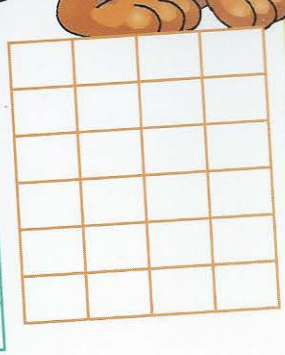

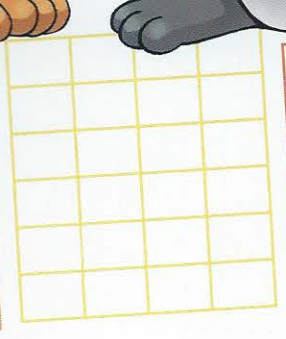

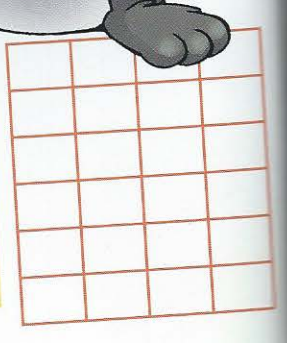

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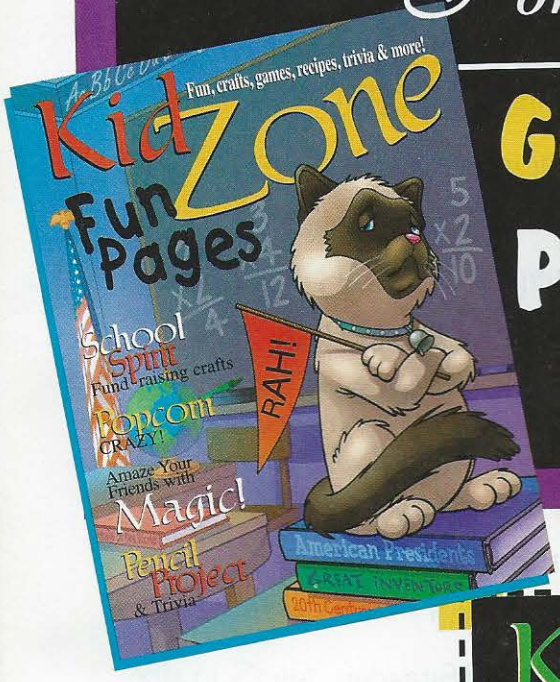

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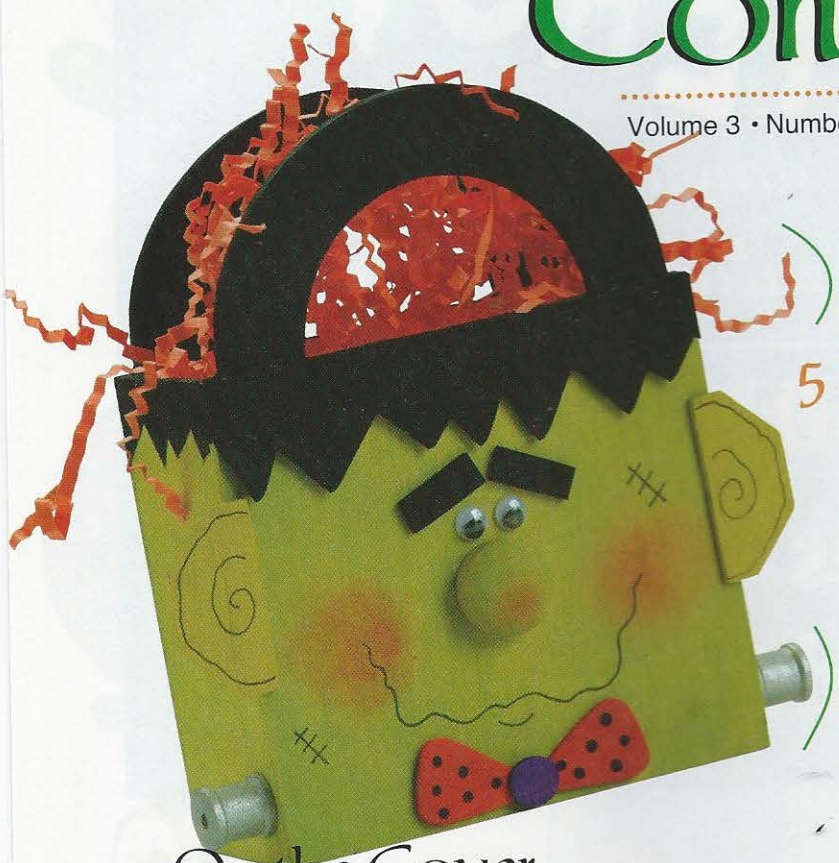

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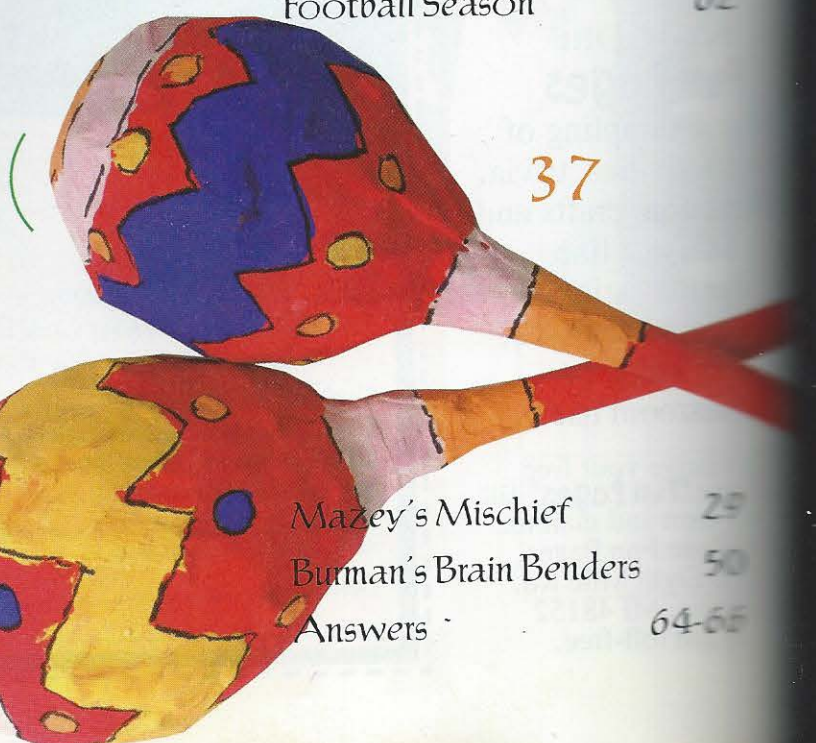

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Some children are more talented in certain areas while some are more advanced for their age. We look to you to determine whether a child needs adult assistance on a particular project. Please be aware that some projects may require a sharp pair of scissors and recipes may require cooking. Make sure children are supervised utilizing any product or tool that they may not be old enough or proficient enough to use.

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Monster Matchup

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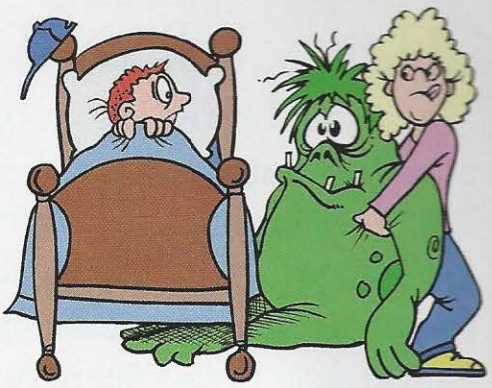

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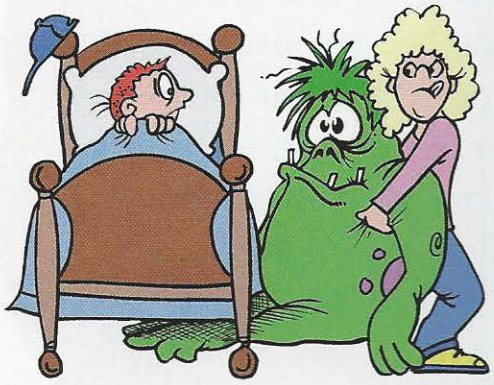

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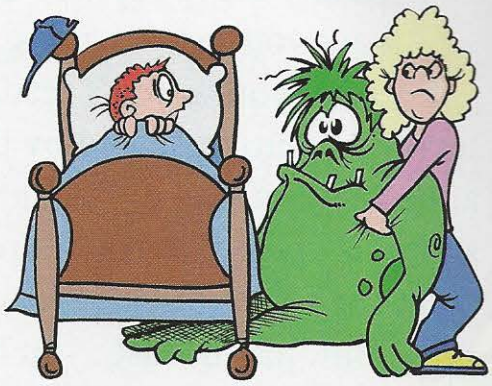

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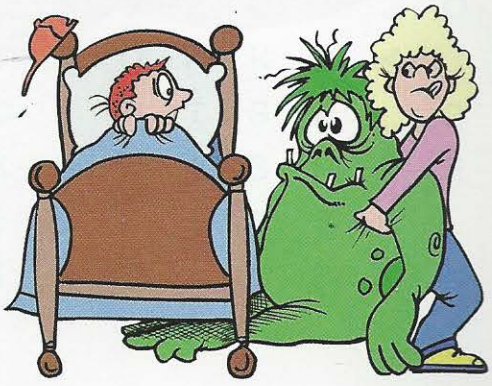

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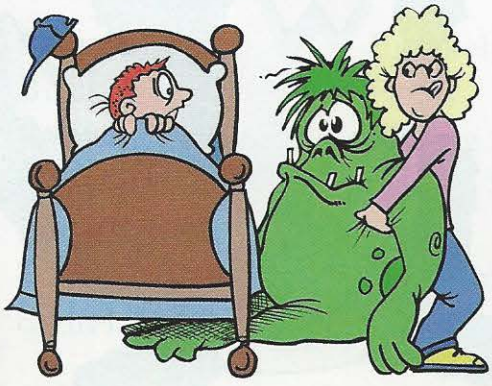

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Happy Fall Ya'll!

Well, I know it's probably hard to believe, but we have another great big, huge, mammoth, monstrous issue full of fun stuff to do. Yes, even bigger than Burman's brain...and that's pretty big. Bigger than Mazey's joke telling ability...I'm telling you...big. Bigger than Dewey's capacity to eat...major! Bigger than Flitz's...uh...hmm...oh! Bigger than Flitz's heart...we are talking colossal! Big I tell you. Big.

Really big. I say this only because I want you to know. I don't want you to start going through here and become overwhelmed because you weren't ready. So prepare yourself. I don't want anybody getting scared by the huge amount of fun stuff to do. It's a lot, but don't be too afraid...you can get through it all. Really. It shouldn't take you any more time than reading the entire dictionary, counting to a million or learning to speak Chinese. No sweat.

But, just in case, you better get started now.

Jack

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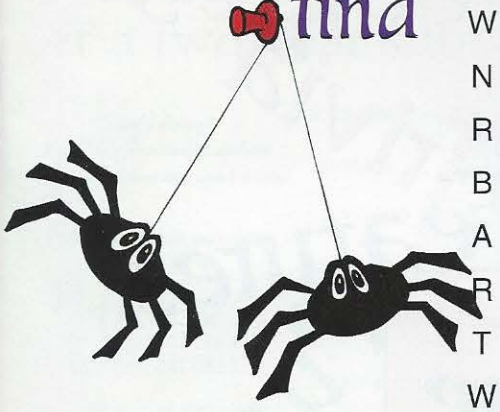

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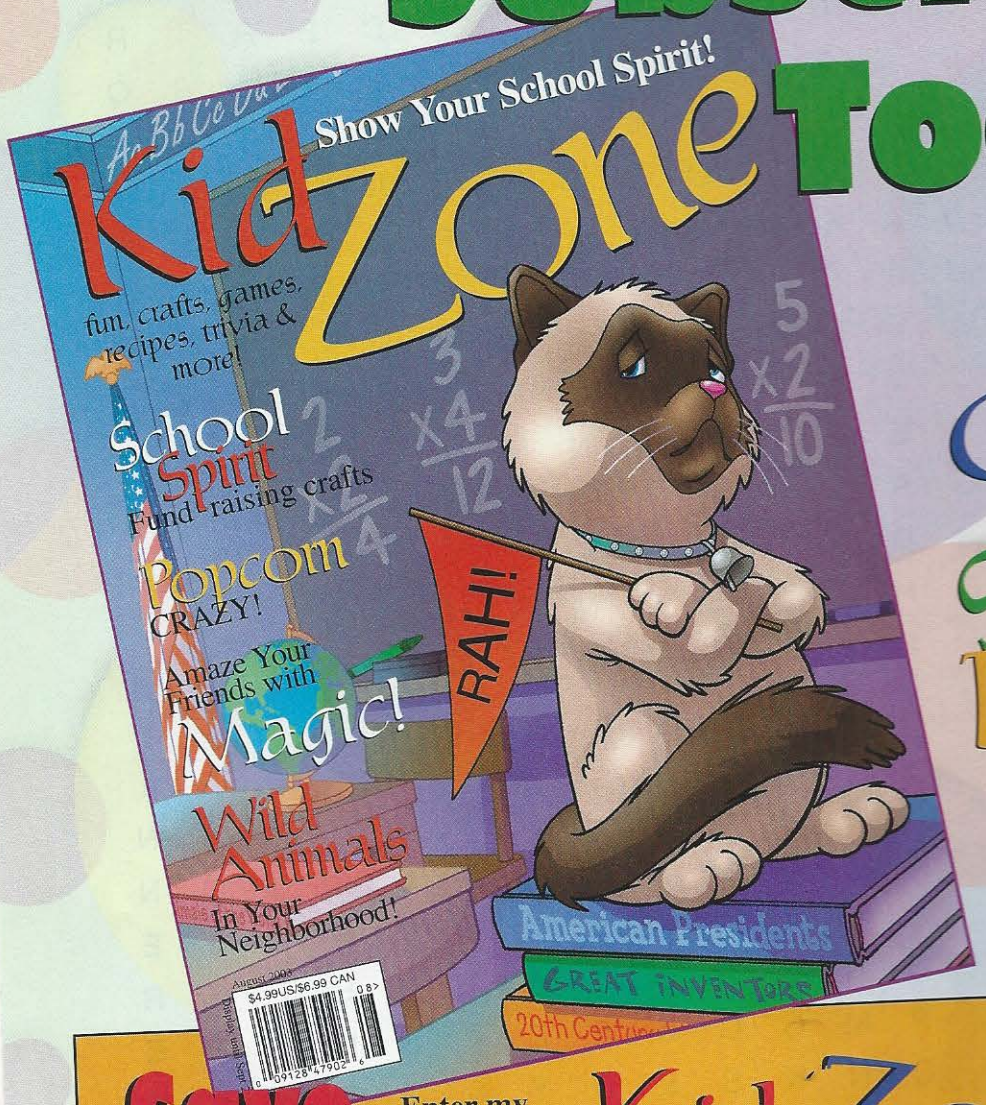

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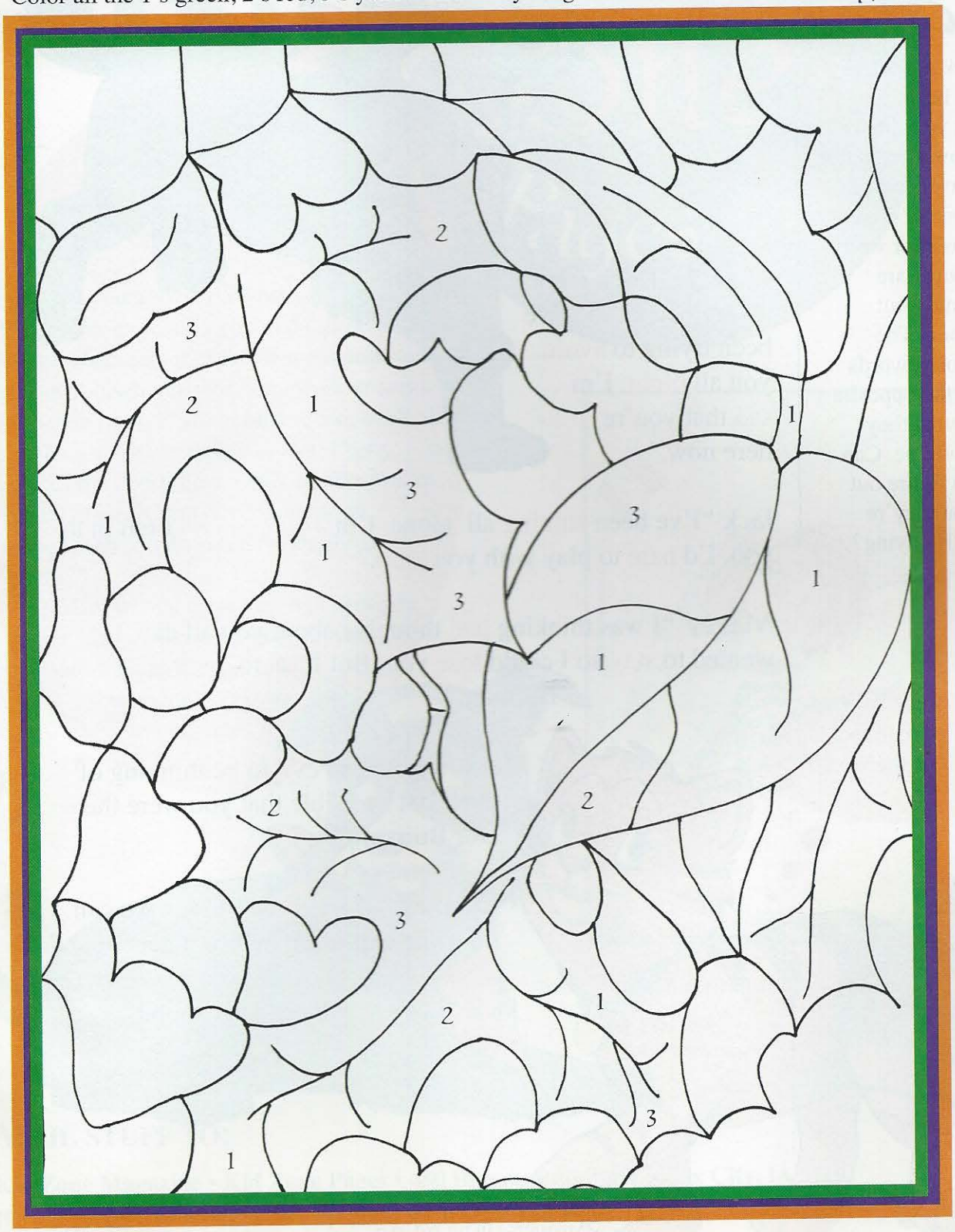


Opposite Talk

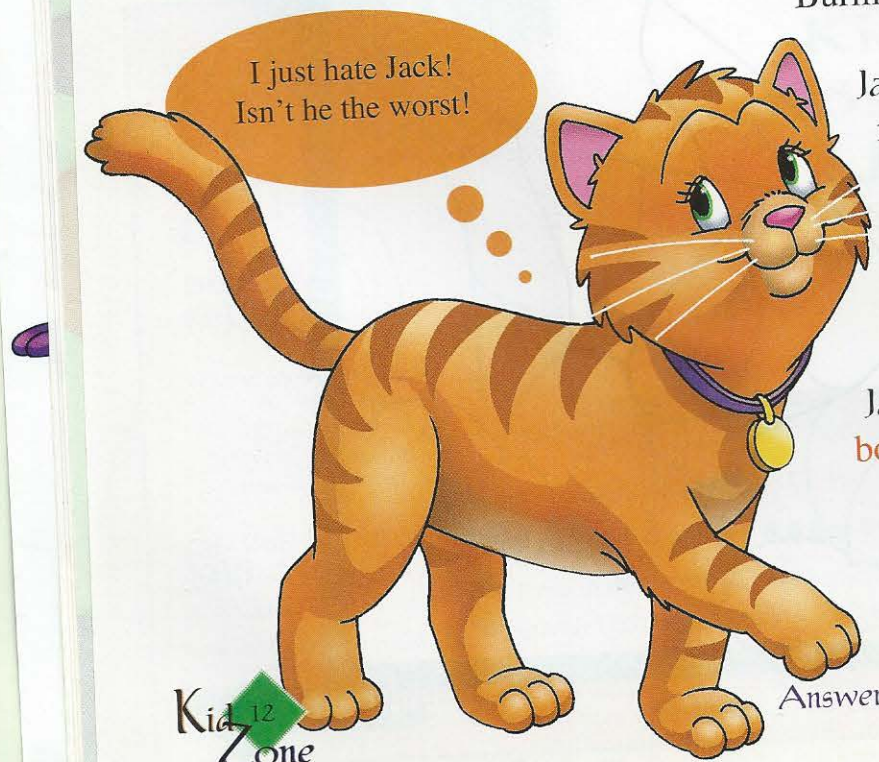
Jack and Mazey are best friends, but you'd never know it from this conversation. Some of their words (or word groups) are coming out wrong. The colored words are the opposite of what they should be. Can you figure out what they're really saying?

Jack: "Bye, Mazey!" How's my worst enemy? Are you having a bad night?"

Mazey: "I'm having a very bad night! I've been trying to avoid you all night. I'm sad that you're here now."

Jack: "I've been sulking all alone. I'm disappointed I ran in to you. I'd hate to play with you later."

Mazey: "I was thinking bad thoughts about you all day. I wanted to stay so I could lose you. But I left to oppose Burman."



Jack: You are so evil to be thinking of me. That's terrible that you were there for Burman."

Mazey: "If we move slowly we can do some exploring before it gets light."

Jack: "Let's stay then. That sounds boring."

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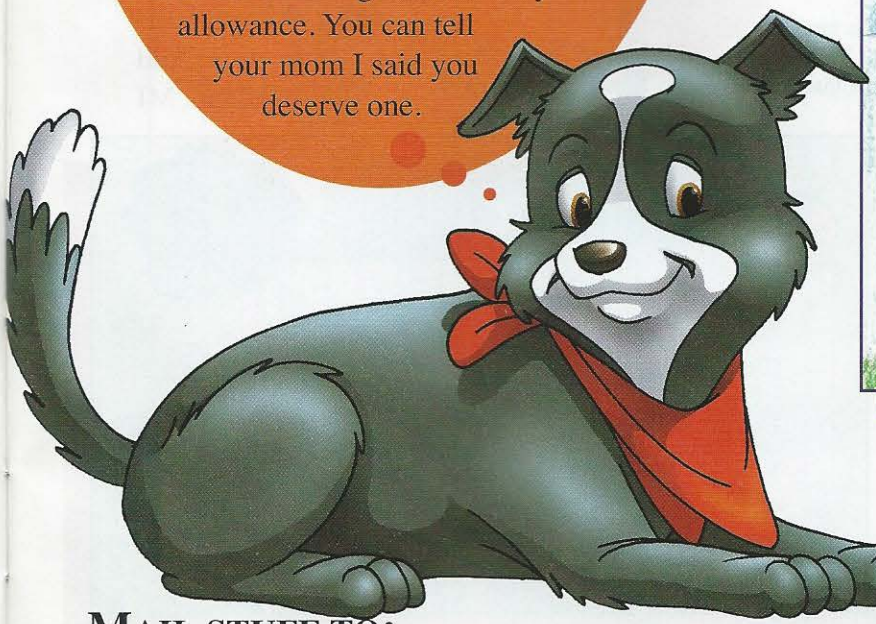
All I can say is, "You guys ROCK"! I ask you to send me pictures and letters....and you actually did it! I got lots of mail! I mean LOTS!

Do you *always* do what you're told? When your mom asks you to do something I bet you *always* do it, right? If mom asks you to eat your spinach, do your homework or scrub the kitchen floor, it's as good as done, huh? She never has to ask *you* twice. In fact, I bet you're so good, she doesn't even *have to* ask. You're probably like, "Can I have seconds on spinach...oh and do you have any lima beans?"

Man, what a great bunch of kids you are. You should get a raise on your allowance. You can tell your mom I said you deserve one.



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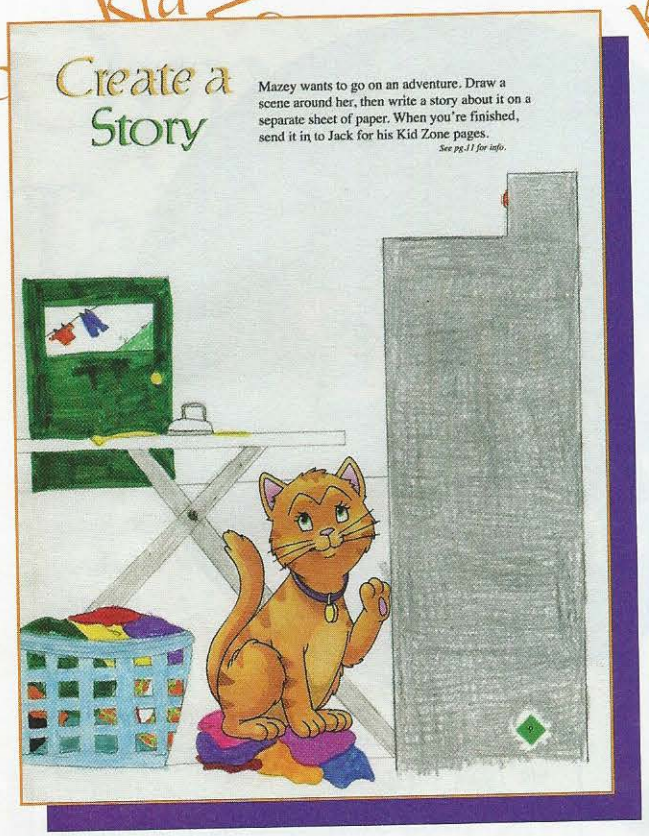
Create a Story
Mazey wants to go on an adventure. Draw a scene around her, then write a story about it on a separate sheet of paper. When you're finished, send it in to Jack for his Kid Zone pages.
See pg.11 for info.

The Laundry Room

Picture (above) and story by
Allison Renkoski
11 yrs. old
Everton, MO

There's one place a cat never goes. The name of it just gives them chills, especially house cats. That place is...THE LAUNDRY ROOM!!! Tales have been told of the cats that got caught there, for many generations. Some of them survived, escaped, or disappeared!

Now a house cat named Mazey knew these stories well, but they did not scare her. Mazey loved adventures and longed to explore the laundry room in her owners' home. She found out where it was. Downstairs, where she was not allowed to go. So Mazey made a plan. When Mistress went down with the laundry basket she knew Mistress was going to do the laundry. Mazey knew what she had to do. There was a laundry hamper in the bathroom. Mistress always did the laundry after lunch, so while they were washing their plates, Mazey slipped into the bathroom. She jumped into the hamper and hid under the clothes. It was very comfy and she fell asleep.

Mazey woke up to feel herself tipping sideways. She fell backwards from the hamper into the laundry basket. Luckily, Mistress didn't see her. Mazey could see out of the holes in the basket. Mistress put the basket on her hip. They bounced down the stairs. Mazey thought Mistress would set the basket down (like in all the stories she had heard) so Mazey could jump out, but to her amazement she dumped the clothes into the washing machine with Mazey in it! She tried to scream, but Mistress had already shut the door.

Mazey was SCARED now! The water started to swirl! She felt herself being sucked in! "HELP!" she screeched/meowed. Mazey struggled for air! She liked splashing in puddles, but she didn't like water this deep! The water started swirling so fast now that she could barely breathe through the drips of water whirling past. She hugged onto a purple shirt and closed her eyes.

Light filled the washing machine. Mazey was soaked. She pulled the shirt off her, jumped out and scampered away before Mistress could catch her. Mazey ran up the stairs, past a surprised Master, and out the door. She stopped at a place in the sun. Mazey shook herself off. "Well, I didn't get to explore the whole place," she thought as she licked herself, "just the washing machine." She stood up. "Another great adventure of Mazey the Cat" she thought in her reporter voice. Then Mazey walked down the street to tell her friends.

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9 yrs. old
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Spiders

We've tracked down the facts on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Spider's Life Line

The average life span of a spider is about one year. Some spiders only live a couple of months while some tarantulas can live over 25 years.

Do you have Arachniphobia?

That is the fear of spiders. Many people are afraid of spiders to some extent.

Tiny Spiders

of the symphytognathidae family (Patu Marplesi and Patu Digua) are the smallest in the world. They are about the size of this period.

Gigantic Spider

The Goliath Bird-Eating Spider (which is a tarantula) is so big it would fill up your dinner plate. For its dinner, it likes to catch birds, frogs, mice, lizards and snakes . It lives in South America.

Ancient Spiders

Spider fossils have been found as far back as 380 million years ago. That's 200 million years before dinosaurs!

No Insects Here

Spiders are not insects, they are arthropods (meaning jointed feet), and more specifically are in a class of arachnids which include spiders, scorpions, millipedes, centipedes, ticks and mites.

The Long Jump

Jumping spiders can pounce on their prey from a distance of forty times their own body length. If you could do the same, you could long jump about 150 feet!

What do spiders order at fast food restaurants?

Burgers and flies

Inside most spiders you would find bugs...

Spider's Web

called spider silk, is the strongest natural fiber known to man.

Take a Spin

The large garden spider only takes about an hour to spin its web.

How Many

Over 35,000 species of spiders have been discovered so far.

A Sticky Situation

Spiders avoid getting stuck in their own web by rubbing a non-stick spit (secretion) from their mouth onto their feet. They also avoid walking on the sticky parts of the web. However, if a spider got blown back onto its own web, it would be stuck.

Deadly Spiders

Most spiders are not harmful to humans, but a few are poisonous. Some to watch out for in the United States are the Black Widow and the Brown Recluse spiders. In Australia, the funnel-web spider is quite poisonous. The number one most poisonous, according to the *Guinness Book of Animal Records*, is the Brazilian Huntsman spider. Just the teeny, tiniest drop of venom (.00000021 oz.) will kill a mouse.

Materials Needed:
1½"x1½" diameter paper mache box; Acrylic paint-black, white; Air dry modeling compound; Medium wooden triangle; Tacky glue; Black chenille stems (four-3mm); Scrap of white craft foam; Black permanent marker; Small wire cutters; Tracing paper; Paintbrush.

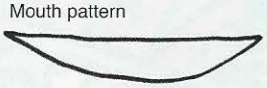
Make it: Roll two 3/8" diameter balls with the modeling compound, push against top of box to flatten a little and set aside to dry. Using scissors, cut two fangs from the wooden triangle (by clipping off two corners) and a mouth (use pattern below) from the craft foam. Paint the eyeballs and fangs white and the box, the box top, mouth and the eyelids black (look at photo). Let dry. Using the end of a small paintbrush handle dot the center of the eye with black. Let dry. Look at photo for placement while gluing. Glue the mouth on the top rim of the lid and glue fangs underneath. Let dry. Glue eyes on top of the lid. Cut eight black chenille stems 4¼" long for legs. Glue two legs 1" apart on front of the box and three more legs 1/4" apart behind those on each side. Hold legs in place with a clothespin while drying. Using a fine tip black marker, line around fangs.

Products used by our designer **Barbara Greve**

• DecoArt Americana Paint • Creative Paperclay air dry modeling compound • Forster Woodsies • Beacon Adhesives Kids Choice Glue! • EK Success Zig duel-tip Writer.

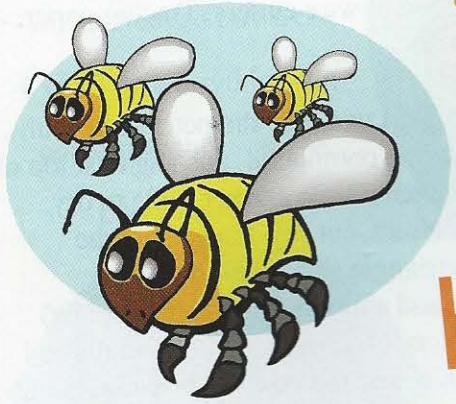
...you can keep less disgusting things in this spider!

Mouth pattern



Onomatopoeia

It's a funny word. An onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like its meaning—like "Moo" or "Gulp." Match up the onomatopoeias (word sounds) with the correct picture.



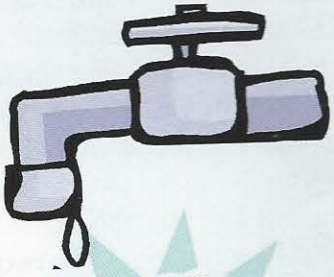
BUZZ...

POP

SNAP

Hiss!

Ding-Dong



CRASH

drip

Woof

BANG

zip

SPLASH

Screech!

Answers on pg 64-66

Critter Zone

Animals, bugs, crawlers and flyers, swimmers and slitherers may be found in the Critter Zone!

BATS of the night

Maybe it's the fact that bats come out at night that have made them so misunderstood. Maybe it's because people think they want to suck your blood and fly in your hair.

Bats have gotten a bad rap long enough. It's time to set the record straight. The only ones who suck blood are vampire bats—who prefer birds or cows to us—and they are far outnumbered by the ones who eat fruit and way-way outnumbered by the bats who eat bugs...which make them a very important creature on this planet.

Batty Treat Pail

shown on pg 19

Stuff you need

- **Recycled salt container**
- **Acrylic paint**
  black
  pink
  white
  grey
- **Wiggle eyes**
  two 10mm
- **Button plug**
  1/2"
- **Orange fabric scrap**
  1"x4"
- **Wood shapes**
  two-medium candy corn
- **Tacky glue**
- **White craft foam**
- **Wire**
  28" purple 24 gauge wire
- **Pony beads**
  two-orange beads
  two-yellow heart shaped
- **Misc.**
  paintbrush
  tracing paper
  scissors
  pencil
  ballpoint pen
  small wire cutters
  small craft knife
  small hole punch
  small needle nose pliers
  spring clothespin
  toothpicks

What to do

1. Remove loose paper from around salt container and discard. Measure and mark a line 5" from the bottom all the way around the container. Have an adult cut off the top using the craft knife, then cut a 1 1/2" long slit (1 1/2" from top) on both sides of container for wings.

2. Copy the wing pattern on tracing paper, turn paper around and go over lines again with the pencil. Turn tracing paper right side up on craft foam, go over lines with ballpoint pen and cut out foam wings with the scissors. Make two wings.

3. Paint the bat, wings and ears (wood shapes) black and paint the nose pink. Let dry. Lay the container horizontally and glue on eyes, nose and ears. Hold ears in place with clothespins while drying. Drybrush pink on cheeks. Let dry. Using the end of a small paintbrush dip in white and touch to the top of the cheeks. If necessary transfer pattern for mouth and fangs to the bat or you can freehand this. Paint fangs white and line around ears, wings, mouth and top of head with gray. Let dry.

4. Punch a hole on each side of bat 1/4" do from top for handle. Fold wire in half and h loop end with the needle nose pliers. Twist e to form a rope. Push one end through hole in and twist to secure. Thread a yellow heart orange pony bead. Thread other end of through opposite hole and twist to secure.

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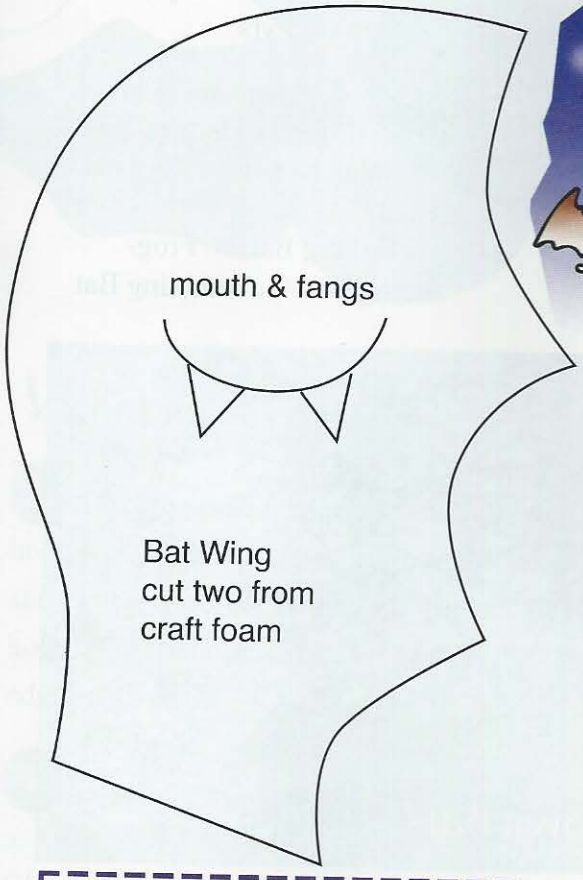
fabric into a rag bow and glue to front of bat.

5 Using a toothpick spread glue around the inside of each slot and insert a wing through it. Pull the wing from the inside until it looks like the photo. Let dry. Using the scissors trim the wings off on the inside flush against the container.



Products used by our designer **Barbara Greve**

• DecoArt Acrylic Paint • Forster Woodsies • Beacon Adhesives Kids Choice Glue! • Toner Plastics, Inc. Fun Wire.

10 BAT FACTS

1. The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat which weighs less than a penny. It can be found in Thailand.

2. A single brown bat can catch 1200 mosquitoes (or other insects) in an hour.

3. Tropical bats are an important part of the rain forests' ecosystem. They pollinate flowers and distribute seeds for many trees and shrubs.

4. Some bat populations are declining severely. Less bats means more pesticides to keep the bug population down—which is not a good situation!

5. Bats are found in almost every part of the world except very, very hot areas and very cold areas. Antarctica is the only continent without bats.

6. Fruit bats prefer overly ripe fruit.

7. Most bats use echolocation to find their food. That means they use sound waves to navigate and locate their food.

8. 70% of bats eat insects.

9. The Malayan fruit bat has the largest wingspan of any bat—over 6 feet!

10. Some bats can live over 30 years.

Malayan Fruit Bat

A fruit bat, or flying fox, is the world's largest bat with a 6 foot wing span and weighs over 2½ lbs. In the wild they eat fruits, flowers, nectar, pollen and leaves. A flying fox can eat half its body weight in food daily and can live up to 30 years.

In Texas, Bracken Cave is home to the largest bat colony anywhere. Over 20 million Mexican free-tailed bats live in the cave and at dusk it is an astonishing sight as they pour out of the cave in search of their insect supper. Each night they hunt down and eat 200 tons of insects!

Wow! Just imagine if there were no bats!

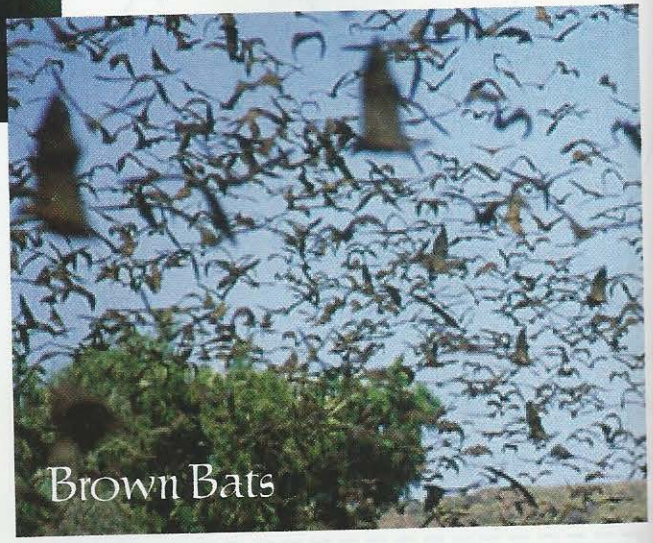
TEST YOUR BAT KNOWLEDGE

1. Bats usually have how many pups each year?
A. one **B.** five **C.** eight

2. How many bat species are there?
A. 100 **B.** 500 **C.** Over 950

3. Some bats can live over 30 years, but what is the average life span of a bat?
A. 5 yrs **B.** 10 yrs **C.** 15 yrs

4. There are many different kinds of bats. Which of these does not exist?
A. Fishing Bat **B.** Frog-eating Bat **C.** Tumbling Bat



Brown Bats

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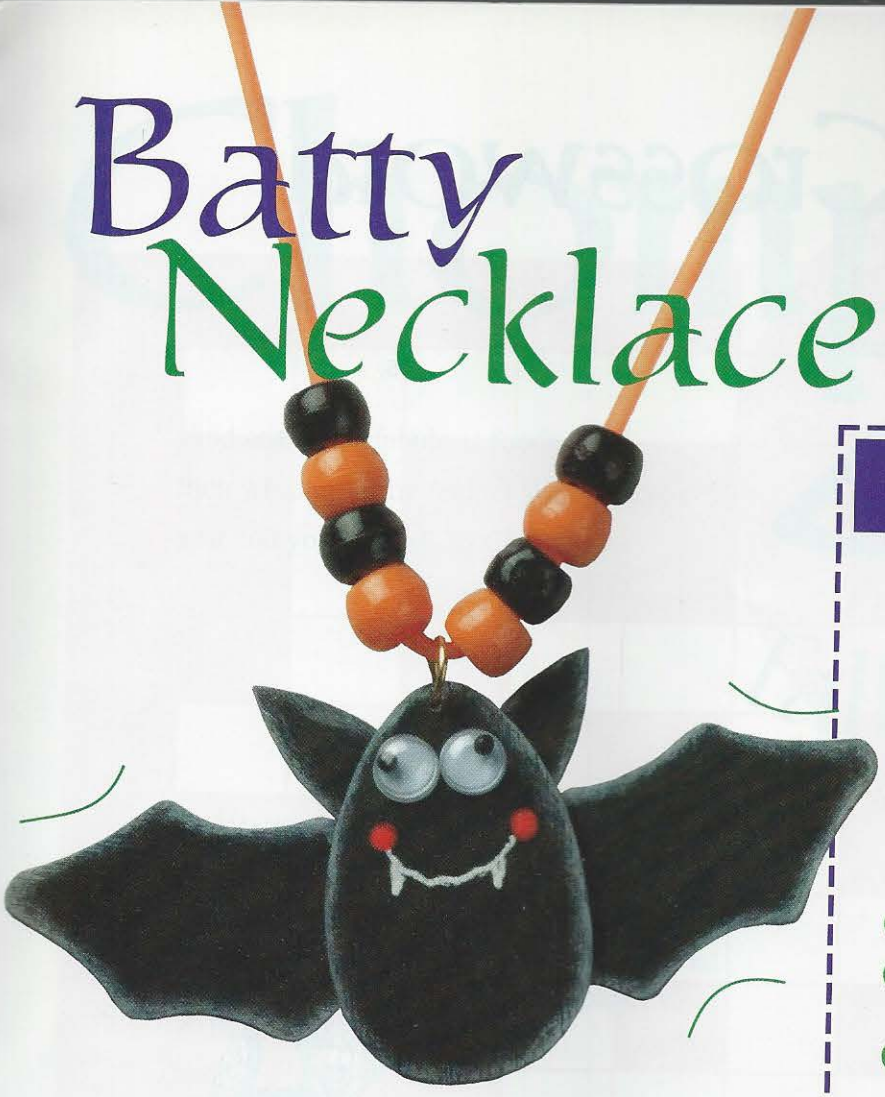
Batty Necklace



Stuff you need

- **Wooden shapes**
  large egg
  two large holly leaves
  two small teardrops
- **Hand drill**
  5/64" bit
- **Acrylic paint**
  black
  white
  red
- **Tacky glue**
- **Wiggle eyes**
  two 6mm
- **Pony beads**
  four black
  four orange
- **Jump ring**
  7 mm
- **Pony bead lacing**
  24" neon orange with connector
- **White gel pen**
- **Paintbrushes**

What to do

1 Place egg on protected surface. To make hole, have an adult place drill bit on top of egg and gently rotate the drill clockwise. Paint egg, holly leaves and teardrops black. Drybrush all edges with white.

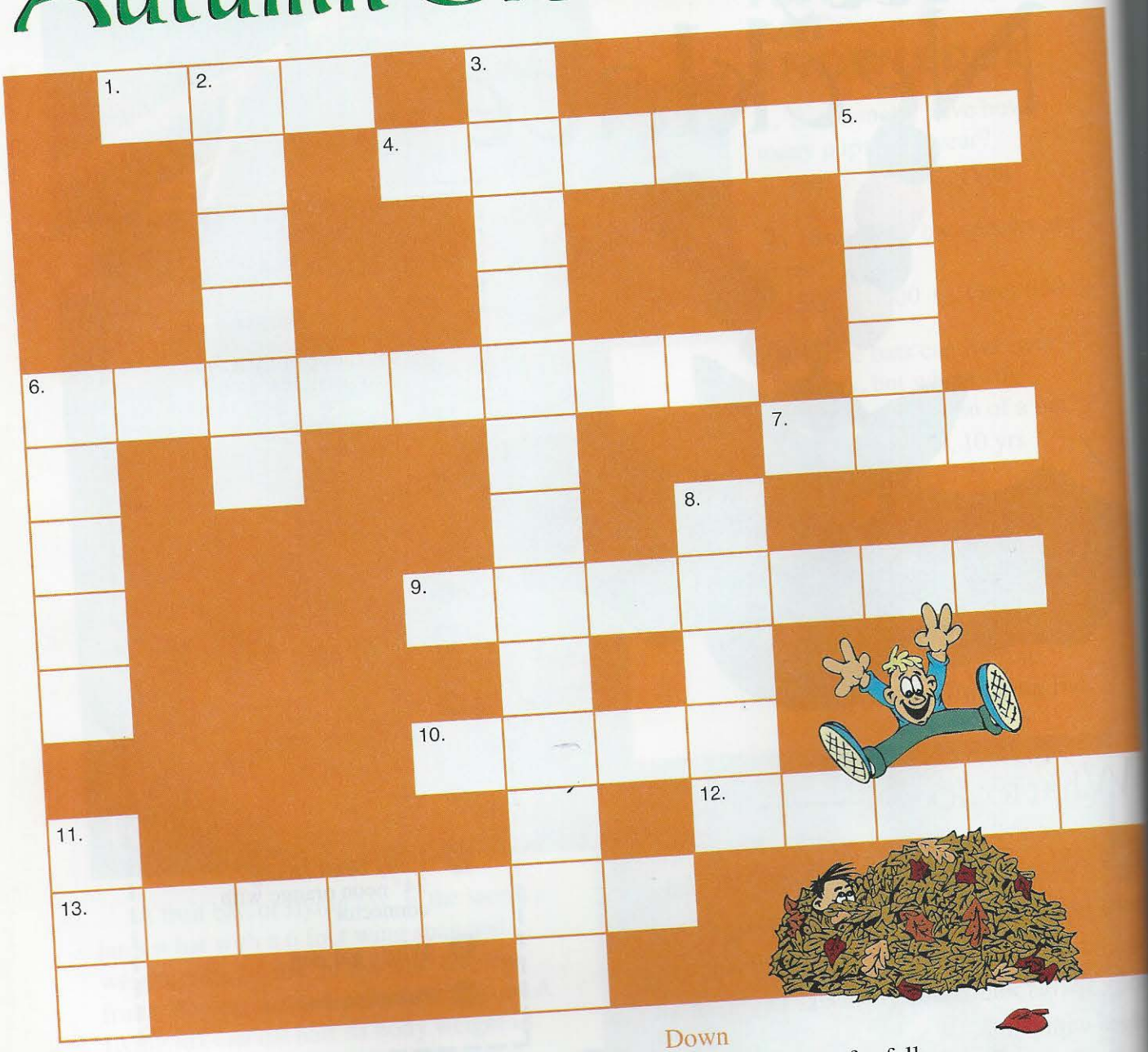
2 Glue holly leaves to back at sides of egg as wings and teardrops to top of egg as ears. Glue eyes to top of egg. Draw smile and fangs using gel pen. Dip end of paintbrush handle in red and dot two cheeks.

3 Push jump ring through hole and close. Put lacing through and thread two orange and two black beads on each side of jump ring. Use 1/4" of connector from lacing to connect each side.

Products used by our designer Linda Valentino

• Forster Woodsies • Forster Hand Drill • DecoArt Americana Acrylic Paint • Loew-Cornell American Painter 4000 Series Brushes (#6 shader, #4 shader, #1 stencil) • Beacon Adhesives Kid Choice Glue • Pepperell Braiding Co. Pony Bead Lacing.

Autumn Crossword



Across

1. Something to put apples in.
4. In the fall, farmers _____their crops.
6. You carve jack-o-lanterns from these.
7. If a monster is staring at you he might be giving you "the evil _____."
9. Autumn winds really start _____.
10. You _____ the leaves.
12. In the fall these are starting to get bare.
13. The 10th month of the year.

Down

2. Another name for fall.
3. You will see these coming off the trees in autumn. 2 words.
5. You might read a scary ghost _____.
6. Pumpkins grow in the pumpkin _____.
8. Carmel apples are sticky and _____.
11. What a ghost says.

Chomp Zone

Fall fun foods

Find out about fabulous foods, then whip up some recipes for you and your friends to Chomp!

Pumpkin Treat Bags!

Take an 11" square of orange crepe paper and fill it with about 1/4 cup of candy. Tie with a piece of green Creative Twist paper. Unroll the ends of the paper to look like leaves.

Fall is a time for great food, fun and parties! Want to treat your friends and family to some great favors and goodies? We've got some great ideas for terrific treats everyone will enjoy! And, they're all super simple to whip up...so let's get going!

It's In The Bag!

Bake up some cookies or throw together our Fall Fun Mix and fill up these autumn themed bags.

If you're doing treats for your scout troup or classroom, you could use smaller sacks just the same.

Fall Fun Mix

You will need:

1 bag of candy corn
1 bag of candy coated peanut butter pieces
1 bag of salted peanuts

Directions

Mix all together. That's it. You're done. That was a difficult recipe huh? You better sit down and rest now.

Fall Fun Bag

To a white handled bag, add fall themed stickers, or cut out pumpkin and apple shapes from colored paper to decorate. With a colored marker add any words that you want.

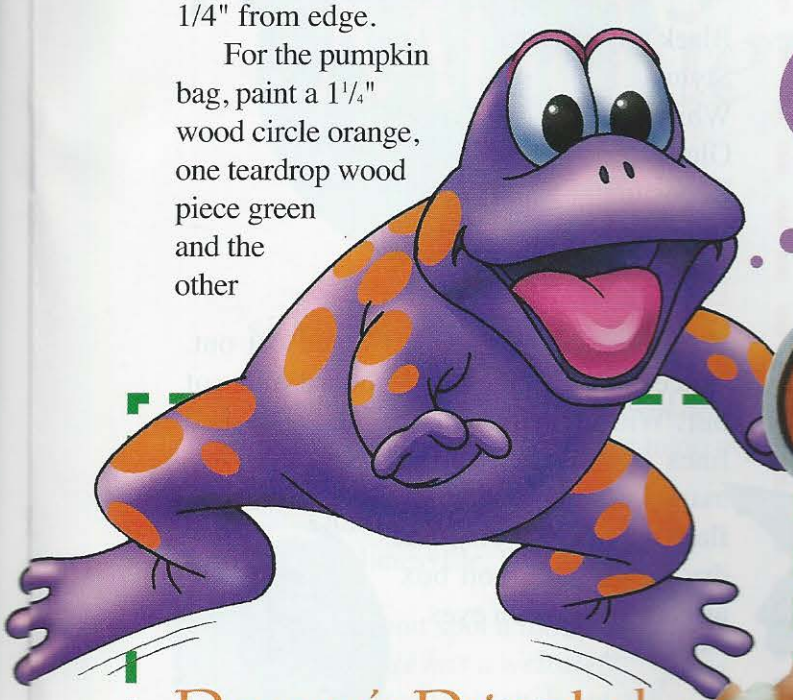
Brown Bag It!

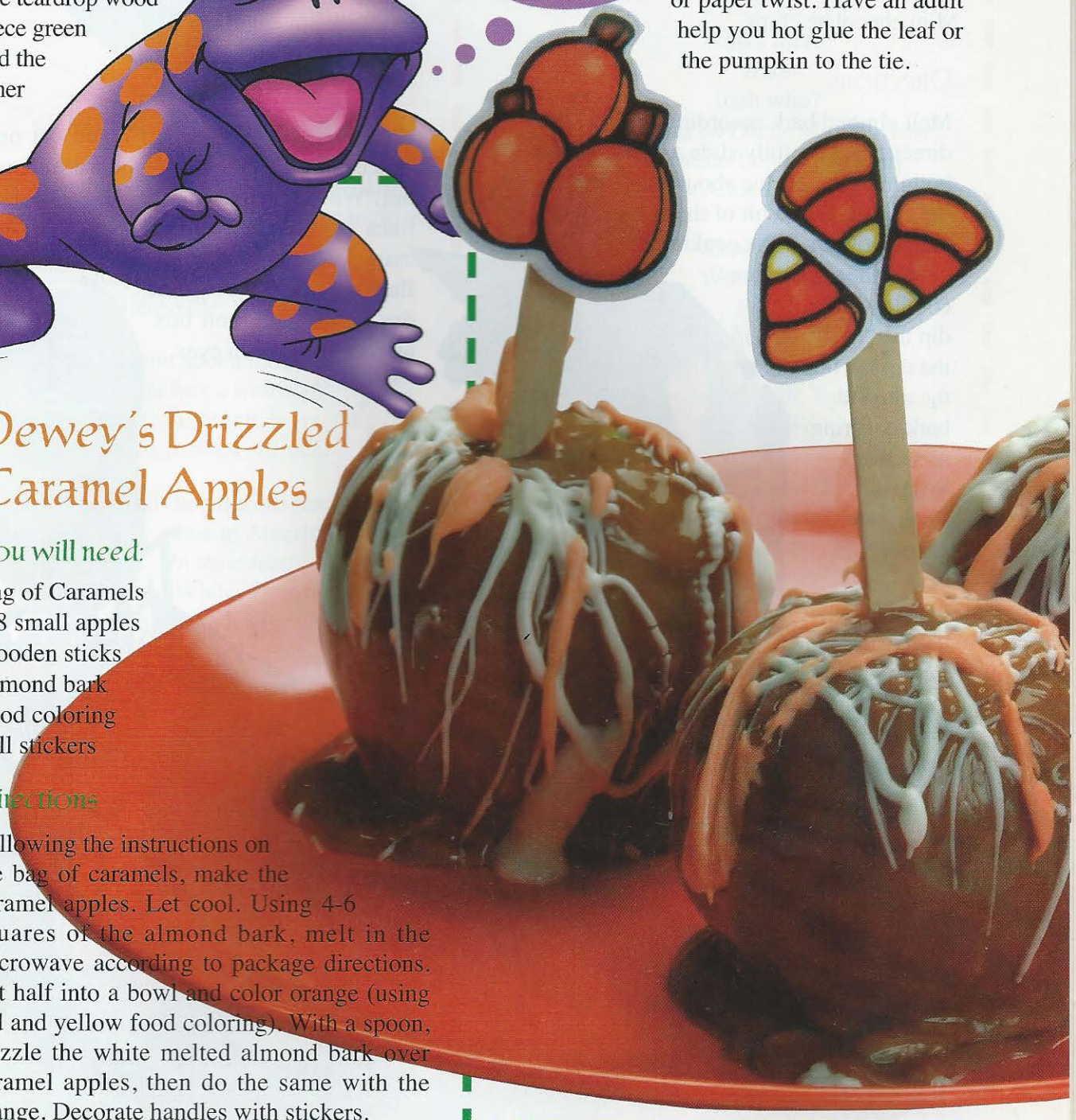
Use a lunch-size brown bag and fold 2"-3" of the top to the inside. To make the leaf-stamped bag, flatten the bag out. On a leaf stamp, paint areas of the leaf with acrylic paint: red, green and yellow. Press on bag. Repeat until you like the amount on the bag.

Stamp one more on a piece of white paper. Let dry. Cut around the leaf on the white paper and glue to a piece of colored paper and cut about 1/4" from edge.

For the pumpkin bag, paint a 1¼" wood circle orange, one teardrop wood piece green and the other brown. Sketch a face on your pumpkin with pencil, then go over it with a fine-tip permanent marker. Add pumpkin lines and leaf lines too. Glue the leaf and stem to the pumpkin.

Fill bags with goodies, gather and tie with raffia or paper twist. Have an adult help you hot glue the leaf or the pumpkin to the tie.





Dewey's Drizzled Caramel Apples

You will need:

Bag of Caramels
6-8 small apples
Wooden sticks
Almond bark
Food coloring
Fall stickers

Directions

Following the instructions on the bag of caramels, make the caramel apples. Let cool. Using 4-6 squares of the almond bark, melt in the microwave according to package directions. Put half into a bowl and color orange (using red and yellow food coloring). With a spoon, drizzle the white melted almond bark over caramel apples, then do the same with the orange. Decorate handles with stickers.

Products used by our designer CMC, Inc.

• Forster® Woodsies® • DecoArt™ Americana® Acrylic Paint. • Zip® Memory System® Millennium™ Markers • Crafter's Pick™ The Ultimate Glue.

Bootiful Cookies

You will need:

Nutter Butter® cookies
Almond bark, white
Wooden sticks
Mini chocolate chips

Directions

Melt almond bark according to package directions. Carefully slide a stick into the bottom of the cookie about halfway into the cookie. Dab a bit of the almond bark on the bottom of the cookie to "glue" the stick to the cookie. Carefully dip the "head" of the cookie into the almond bark covering as shown. Wipe off excess with spoon. Add two chocolate chip eyes. Let dry.

Boo Box

You will need:

Black posterboard
Stylus
White gel pen
Glue
Repositional letters
Wiggle eyes in various sizes

Directions

Trace pattern from page 67 and cut out. Trace pattern onto posterboard and cut out. With a white gel pen, draw dashed lines around each square. With a stylus, mark fold lines and fold. Glue flaps to sides of box. Let dry. Stick letters on box as shown. Glue on eyes.

Products used by our designer Helen Rafson
• Kid's Choice Glue! by Beacon Adhesives • Provo Cr
Repositional Letters.

Mazey's Mischief

Jokes, clowning, humor, tom-foolery, and other funny stuff!

Student: Would you ever blame me for something I did not do?
Teacher: No, of course not, that would be wrong.
Student: Great, because I forgot to do my homework!
Quinn Huibregtse, 11 yrs old
Janesville, Wisconsin

How do you spot a modern spider?
He has a website!
Andrea Liebsch, 9 yrs old
Northbrook, Illinois

Where did the pilgrims land when they came to America?
On their feet!
Ryan White, 7 yrs old
Richmond, Virginia

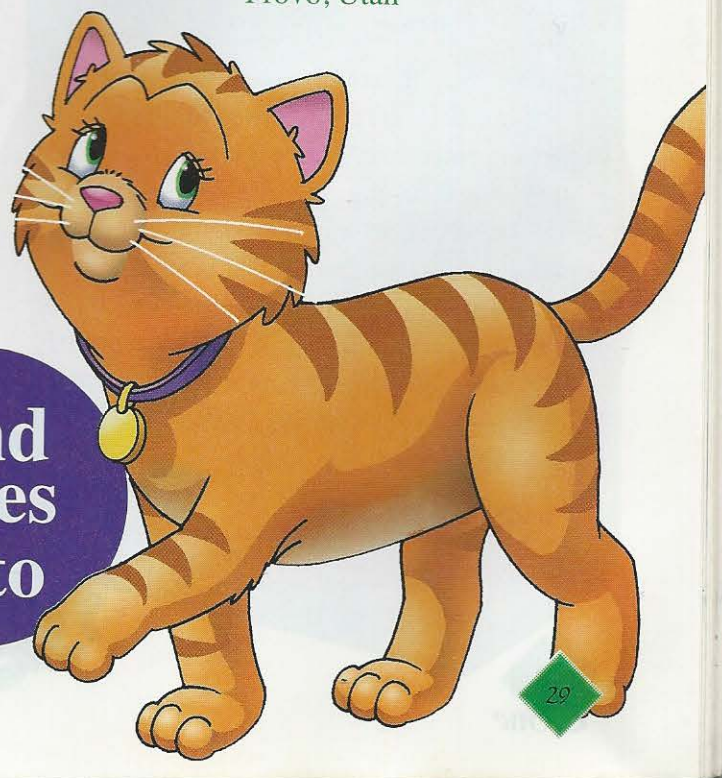
A boy went to a costume party with a sheet on his head and his friends asked, "Are you a ghost?"
No, I'm an unmade bed!
Jennifer Dawling, 10 yrs old
Orlando, Florida

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Irish
Irish who?
Irish I was an Oscar Mayer Wiener!
Valentino Lopez, 8 yrs old
St. Cloud, Florida

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Police
Police who?
Police stop telling knock-knock jokes!
Cory Brangdom, 7 yrs old
Dallas, Texas

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Rhoda
Rhoda who?
Rhoda boat across da lake!
Madeline Smith, 6 yrs old
Provo, Utah

I've got another tricky tongue twister...try this...
While trying to whistle, Christopher Twistle twisted his tongue.



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Info Zone

Kitty Cats

We've tracked down the facts on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Fast Hearts...

A cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human heart.

Spic and Span...

Cats have backward-pointing spikes on their tongues to aid in grooming.

Wow...

During her lifetime, one female cat could have more than 100 kittens, and millions of cats go into animal shelters each year. So please, make sure you spay or neuter your cat!

Read my tail...

Cats give out clues to their mood with their tails. If your cat's tail is quivering, this is the greatest expression of love your cat can give you. If the tail starts thrashing back and forth, her mood has changed—time to get away!

Ouch...

Don't pick a kitten up a cat up by the scruff of its neck; only mother cats can do this safely, and even with kittens. Grown cats are much too heavy for this.

I'm so confused...

Cats wag their tails when in a stage of conflict. The cat wants to do two things at once, but each impulse blocks the other. For example: If your cat goes to the door and wants to go outside, but after you open the door you both see it is raining, the cat's tail will wag because of the conflict. It wants to go outside, but it doesn't want to get wet. Once the cat makes a decision and either goes outside or stays inside, the tail will immediately stop wagging.

This clever little cat bag is great for gifts or treats!

Climb on up...

Cats love high places. They share this love with leopards and jaguars, who sleep in trees. If a cat begins to fall, his inner ear canal (which controls balance) will help him right himself and land on his feet!

Meow...

A cat will almost never "meow" at another cat. This sound is reserved for humans.

Fat Cat...

According to the **Guinness Book of World Records**, the heaviest cat on record was Himmy, an Australian cat who weighed 46 lbs. 15.25 ozs. Himmy's waist was 33 inches!

Nighty Night...

Cats are the sleepiest of all mammals. They spend 16-20 hours of each day sleeping. With that in mind, a seven year old cat has only been awake for two years of its life!

Little Bitty...

The smallest cat on record was Tinker Toy from Illinois. A male Himalayan-Persian, he weighed 1 pound, 8 ounces fully grown and was 7¼" long and 2¾" tall!

Time for a diet...

If an overweight cat's sides stick out further than her whiskers, she will lose her sense of perception and stability. Don't be surprised if she starts to squeeze into an opening that the rest of her will not fit into. After discovering this, she will back out quickly! If you can't feel your cats ribs, she is too heavy!

Products used by our designer Helen Rafson

DMD Industries, Inc. Paper Reflections (Paper Bag) • Beacon Adhesives Kids Choice Glue! • Gem-Tac™ (to glue buttons together) • CraftFoam Glue™

Materials needed:
Black bag approx. 8"x9¾"; Tracing paper; Black craft foam; Gray craft foam; Pinking shears; Glue; Two 1½" white pom-poms, One-1" pink pom-pom; Wiggle eyes 35mm; 1⅜"x21" fall fabric; 1⅛" yellow button; 5/8" orange button.

Make It: Cut out ears from black craft foam as shown and inner ears from white foam. Cut sides of inner and outer ears with pinking shears. Glue inner ears to outer ears. Glue on cheeks, nose, and eyes as shown. Let dry. Glue ears to bag. Let dry. Cut all sides of fall fabric with pinking shears. Make into a bow. Glue bow onto bag. Let dry. Glue small orange button onto large yellow button. Let dry. Glue button to center of bow.

Pumpkin Days

Color in all the letters that are found in the word PUMPKIN orange. Color in the others yellow to find the hidden message.

PUMPKINPU

MPHAKINVE

PUMAPKING

REPUMPUA

TUPKINFAIL

PLMYAMLL

_____ __ _____ _____

___, ___

Answers on pg 64-66

Mega Zone

Crayons

by Kerrie Flanagan

Break out the crayons and color your way to inexpensive projects you can make a *Mega*-lot of *Mega*-cheap.

This year Crayola® Crayons celebrated its 100th birthday. Back in 1903, Edwin Binney and Harold Smith, changed the look of crayons. Early crayons were filled with a toxic material called carbon black. The crayons were used to mark crates and barrels. Binney and Smith decided to make non-toxic crayons kids could use in school. They made the crayons smaller and added pigment (color) to them. The first box of Crayola® Crayons was created. It sold for a nickel and had eight basic colors in it like red, blue and yellow.

As the years went on, more colors were added—apricot, bittersweet, magenta and more. Soon there was a box of 16, then 24, then 48. This year Crayola® came out with its biggest box yet—a box with 100 different colors!

Crayons are made from paraffin and wax. First, the wax is heated so it turns to a liquid. Then, the pigment is added. The mixture is put into crayon shaped molds and chilled with cold water. Finally, when the crayons harden they are double-wrapped, labeled and boxed. They are shipped to stores so children everywhere can color our world.

Crayon Crafts

Crayon & Paint

Stuff you need:
- Watercolor paints
- Paintbrush
- Crayons
- Paper

Make it:
1. Use the crayons to make a picture on the paper. Be sure to press hard when you are coloring.
2. With the watercolors and paintbrush, paint over your entire drawing. The crayon will look like it is "popping" through the paint.

Crayon Paper Batik

Stuff you need:
- Brown paper bag cut into large squares or rectangles.
- Dark colored tempera paint
- Crayons
- Paintbrush
- Paper Towel

Make it:
1. Use the crayons to make a picture on a paper bag piece. Cover as much as you can.
2. Crumple the paper into a ball.
3. Flatten it back out.
4. Paint over the picture with the paint.
5. With a paper towel blot your painting to soak up any extra paint.

Crayon Scratch

Stuff you need:

- Crayons
- White paper
- Scratching object (paper clip, end of a paintbrush, popsicle stick, blunt scissors)

Make it:

1. Using bright colored crayons, cover the whole paper with different colors. Be sure to press hard and color heavy.
2. Color over the whole picture with a black crayon. Press hard.
3. Use the scratching object to create a picture. This will scratch away the black in that area to show the pretty colors beneath.

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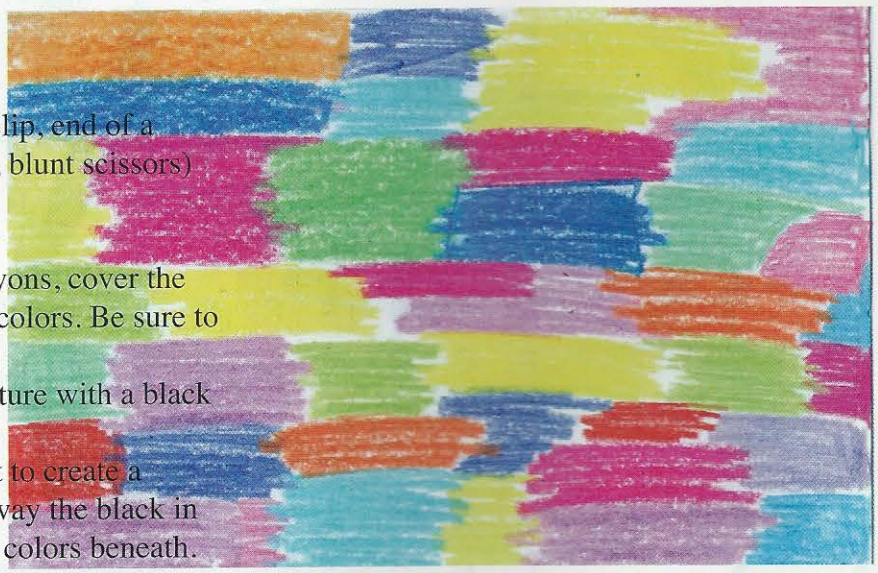

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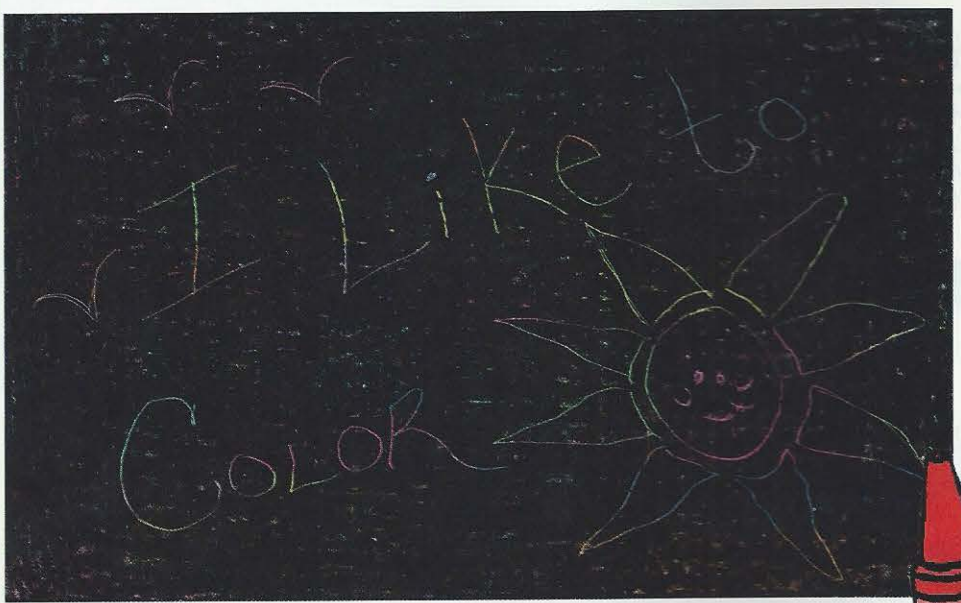

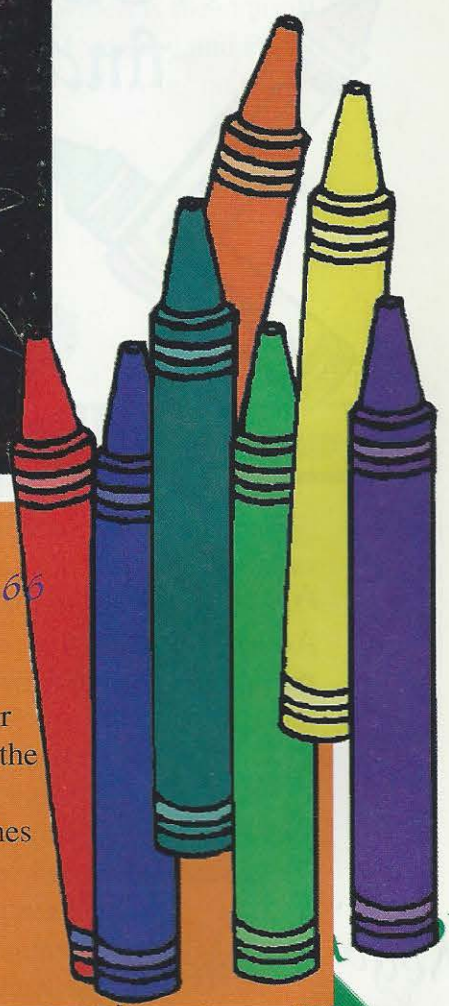

Color Quiz

Answers on pg 64-66

Chestnut	Purple
Corn Flower	Blue
Wisteria	Pink
Granny Smith Apple	Green
Salmon	Yellow
Dandelion	Orange
Macaroni & Cheese	Brown

Draw a line from the color on the left to the color it most closely matches on the right.

Colorful word find

S H O A Q U A M A R I N E P
C E W P Q S P E L E I X C Q
A Z H R R O L A F D Z Y A Y
R P I I E L P R U P A H R E
L L T C I Q N I H C C I N L
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Aquamarine
Bittersweet
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Blue
Burnt Orange
Carnation Pink
Cerulean
Dandelion
Fuchsia
Goldenrod
Green
Indigo
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Mulberry
Orange
Peach
Purple
Red
Scarlet
Silver
Thistle
White
Yellow

Culture Zone

Mexico

In the *Culture Zone* you'll find out about how people in other countries live and how parts of their culture enhance our culture.

Map of Mexico

The main cities of Mexico are Mexico City (which is the capitol), Guadalajara, Monterrey and Puebla. Can you find these cities on the map?

Flag of Mexico

Green stands for Independence
White stands for Religion
Red stands for Union

Hola! That's Spanish for "hello." My name is Rolando, but my friends call me Ro. I live in Texas with my family. My aunt lives in Mexico and we visit her every year. Mexico isn't far from the United States. It's in North America. You will hear people say it's "south of the border" because it's attached to the southwestern edge of the United States.

Everyone in my family can speak Spanish, that's the language people in Mexico speak. There are many different styles of Spanish depending where you live, but for the most part it's the same. Did you know that Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States after English?

There are a lot of different kinds of animals because there are so many different regions—hot dry desert areas, lush forest areas and warm coastal areas. Some you've probably heard of and others you might not know exist. One animal that is special to Mexico is the **coatimundi**. It

Coatimundi

looks something like a raccoon. Another is a **jaguarundi**? It is a cat that likes to swim. An **ocelot** is another cat-like creature. It is 25-35 lbs...so bigger than your house cat...and wild.

Jaguarundi

If you were in a dry area, you might see an **iguana**.

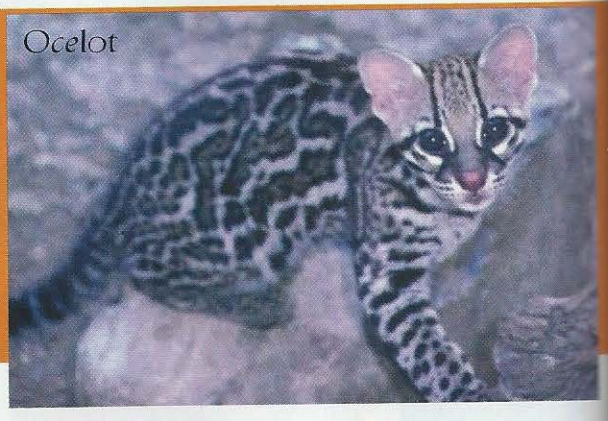
Learn Spanish

In Spanish, "Good Morning" looks like this
Buenos dias
and sounds like this:
Say: Bwain-os-de-us

In Spanish, "Please" looks like this
Por favor
and sounds like this:
Say: Poor-fa-vor

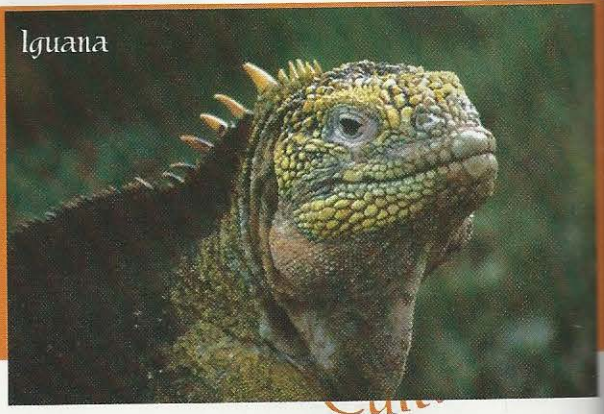
In Spanish, "Thank you very much" looks like this
Muchas gracias
and sounds like this:
Say: Moo-chus-gra-c-us

The Spanish alphabet is similar to English, but the sounds of some letters are slightly different. You probably already know some Spanish words, especially if you've seen Sesame Street™. Try these words and use them tod


Ocelot

I'm sure you've heard of these. You might even have one as a pet.

I'm certain you know what a **monarch** butterfly is, but did you know that they go to Mexico in the winter to hibernate? Some fly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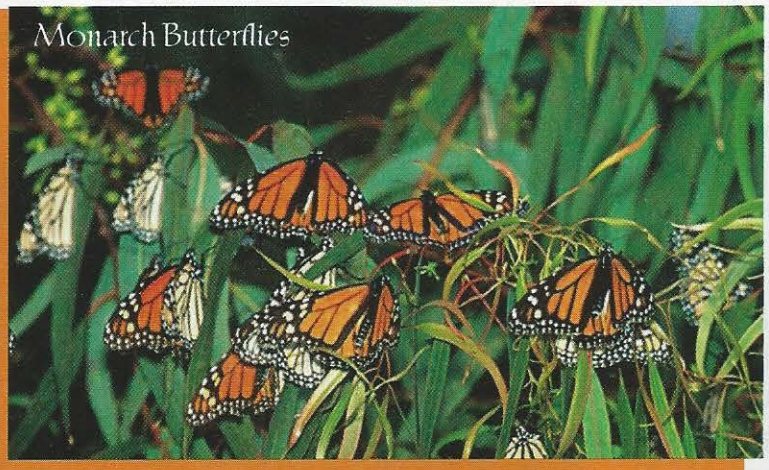
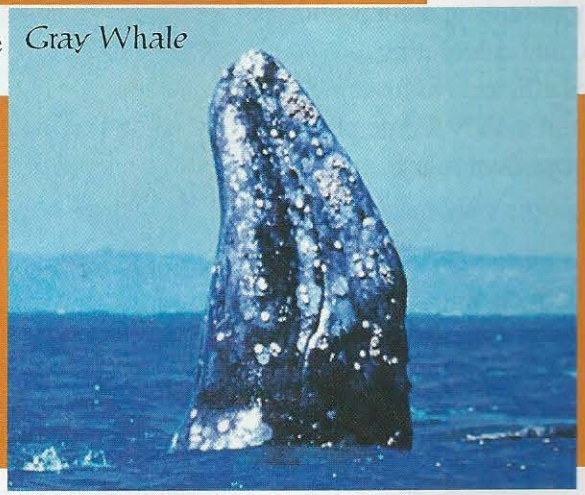
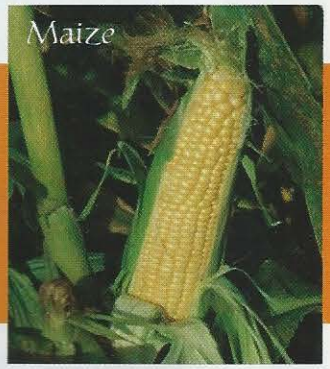

Monarch Butterflies

3,000 miles to get to the Oyamel trees.

If you go to the coast, it's not unlikely to see dolphins or whales. The **gray whales** migrate there to give birth. You can't believe how huge they are! If you ever get to see one you will never forget it!


Gray Whale

Mexican foods are pretty much the same as here. They grow lots of corn (they call it **maize**), coffee, squashes, beans and tomatoes. They use lots of these things in their meals too. I'm sure you've tried Mexican foods—tacos, burritos, tostadas and enchiladas. My favorite is quesadillas. Mexicans use tortillas in a lot of different dishes they eat. They are made from corn or wheat flour.


Maize

Some of the hottest peppers are grown in Mexico, so some of their food is very spicy.

Make Mexican Food

***Quesadillas** are a favorite at lunch, dinner or snack.*

Quesadillas

Ingredients

4, 6"-8" flour tortillas
1/2 cup refried beans
1/2 cup shredded colby & Monterey-Jack cheese
Salsa
Sour Cream (optional)

Directions

1. Have an adult help you warm the tortillas in a skillet, heating for a few seconds per side.
2. Warm the refried beans in the microwave for a minute or two (until warmed through). Spread onto two of the tortillas.
3. Cover each with another tortilla and sprinkle with cheese. Heat in the microwave a few seconds or until cheese is almost melted.
4. Cut into wedges and serve with salsa and sour cream.

Note. If you want, you can also add cooked chicken or ground beef seasoned with taco seasoning.

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If you lived in Mexico, you could go to public or private school just like here. Most kids go to nursery school and then pre-primary school when you are 5 or 6. From 6-12 you go to primary school and then to secondary school until you are 15. After that there are 3 years of preparatory school. At most schools you have to wear a uniform, and since there are so many kids, some kids go to school from 8 am to 12:30 pm and others from 2 to 6:30 pm.

Family is very important to Mexican people. They spend a lot of time with grandparents and aunts and uncles, eating, playing music and celebrating. Mexican music often features guitars, violins and trumpets. When I go to my aunt's, they let me play the maracas. You can make your own to try.

Mexican Maracas

These will take a few days to complete so be patient.

Materials: 2 small balloons, popcorn or dry pasta, (2) 3/8" dowels 6" long, tape, newspaper, flour, water, tempera paint: red, yellow, blue, white.

Make It:

1. Put some popcorn or pasta into balloons, blow up and tie. Tape end to dowel.

2. Mix 1 cup flour with a small amount of water until it is like pancake batter (not too thick, not too runny). Tear newspaper into 1" wide strips.

3. Dip paper into flour mixture and wipe off excess. Put strip over balloons. Overlap until entire balloon

and top of dowel are covered. Wrap a strip around the top of the dowel snug to keep it secure with balloon. Set on wax paper or styrofoam plate and let dry overnight or longer. Save remaining mixture.

4. Cover with a second coat of paper strips and let dry again overnight.

5. Paint maracas red. Let dry and paint again. Let dry.

6. With other paint colors add dots, zig-zags and other designs. Let dry. Trace around designs with black permanent marker.

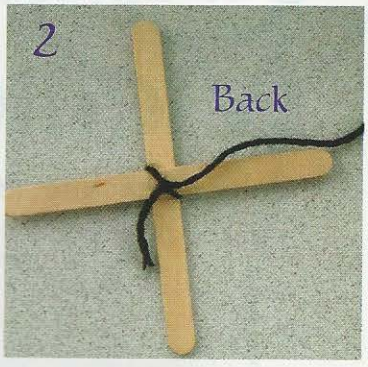
Ojo De Dios (Eye of God)

Religion is very important to many Mexican people and the "Eye of God" has been made by the Indians of Mexico, Central and South America, for hundreds of years. The diamond pattern in the center symbolizes God's watchful eye over us all. You can now find them in Mexican markets everywhere. Some are very elaborate, but they all are similar to this. They are very easy to make.

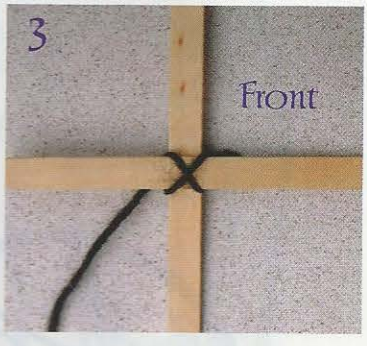
Materials: 2 sticks, glue, 3-4 colors of yarn, bells and embroidery cord (optional).

Make It:

1. Glue the two sticks together and let dry.

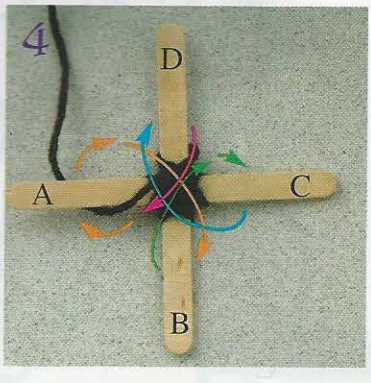


2. Tie your first color of yarn to the center of the sticks as shown.



3. Wrap yarn around front to make an "X".

4. Continue winding yarn moving from stick "A" to "B" to "C" to "D" and repeating. You will go under the stick, over the center to the next stick and under that one and just keep repeating.



5. When you think you have enough of one color, tie on the next color and continue the same way.

6. When you've finished filling up the sticks, tie off and glue end in the back. Tie on bells with embroidery floss if you want.

In upcoming issues, we'll focus on different cultures and we'd like to know what culture you're from and what makes you special. **Write to us** and tell us what your favorite foods are, favorite games and events and how you celebrate your heritage.

Write us at: Kid Zone • Culture Zone Info • 450 Benson Bldg. • Sioux City, IA 51101.

Raking Up Some Memories

Color the picture, then go to page 44 to see how good your memory is.

J.T.
T.J.
ROVER

School Memories

After you've studied the scene on pgs 42-43, see if you can answer these questions.

1. What is in the hay loft? _____

2. What letter is on the boy's hat? _____

3. What is in the basket? Apples, leaves or pumpkins? _____

4. What is the dog's name? _____

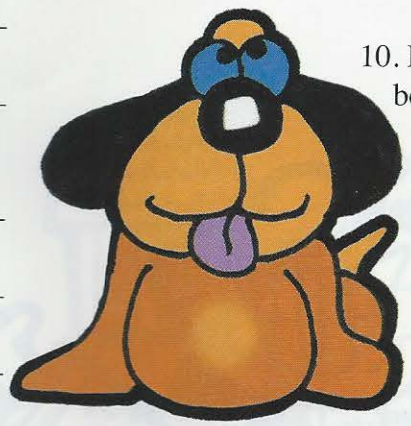
5. What initials are carved in the tree? M.J. & P.J., B.J. & T.J or J.M & T.J? _____

6. How many trees are there? _____

7. How many pumpkins are on the ground? _____

8. What is the boy with the necklace eating? _____

9. The boy who is raking has how many buttons on his shirt? _____

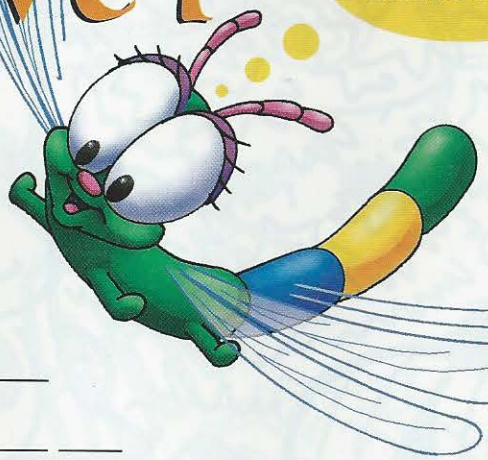


10. How many pockets can be seen? _____

Fill in the Answer

All of the answers begin with the letters FI. Read the clues, then fill in the answer.

Number 4 is a friend of mine!



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1. Making your hand into a ball.
2. The grade you're in after kindergarden.
3. When something doesn't work out, or a hissing or sputtering sound.
4. A lightening bug.
5. A small statue.
6. Something that won't burn.
7. A person who sells fish.
8. Little explosives lit on the 4th of July.

Answers on pg 64-66

Story Zone

Fall into reading. Make this creepy, crawly bookmark, then read the creepy, crawly story.

Spider Bookmark

Supplies:

- **Colored Paper:** Purple, green, black
- **Bug Stickers**
- **Magic Mesh:** white
- **Wiggle Eyes**
- **Glue**
- **Fine Tip Black Permanent Marker**
- **Black Yarn**

Make the Project:

1. With wavy edged scissors, cut a 4" circle from green paper. From purple paper cut a 3½" circle and glue to the green circle.
2. With the marker, draw a spider web on the purple circle. Stick a bug sticker on web.
3. Stick the Magic Mesh over the bottom half of the bookmark. Trim close to green edge. Stick bug sticker on top.
4. From black paper cut a 1½" circle and a 3/4" circle. Glue smaller circle (head) to bigger body. Glue to top of web. Draw eight legs.
5. Glue wiggle eyes and cut a small green circle for nose and glue on.
6. Punch a hole in the top of the bookmark. Take 2 strands, 12" long, of black yarn. Fold in half. Put center loop through hole. Thread ends through loop and pull tight.

Monster Minds

Written by Jennifer Winquist
Illustrated by Dan Sharp

The grounds at Houligan's Hollow were covered with thousands of dead skeletons. The skeletons of withered leaves, flowers, dying grass and bushes. Fall was here in all its chilling glory...preparing for winter. The pumpkins were big and fat on the vine and the crops had all been harvested. It was a great time.

The darkness came early in the evenings now. A fact that Mazey had forgotten as she headed home a bit too late from her exploration of the deserted fields. As she came around the pond, the sun was barely up in the sky and was casting eerie shadows. Mazey's imagination began to get the better of her and she saw monsters lurking behind every bush. Her heart was beating fast. She tried to shake it off and laughed a little, then decided to hurry a bit faster to get to the barn.

That's when she saw it and she stopped in her tracks! It was huge. All she could see was the shadow of it and that's all she wanted to see. It was the biggest spider ever! Mammoth. Gigantic. It must be some mutant, alien version. Perhaps it came to earth on a meteor. However it became this huge, it was not normal! It was easily twice her size. She

could see its shadow on the pond in front of her. It moved! It was right behind her! She stopped thinking and ran as fast as she had ever run until she reached the barn.

"Wow, now I know what a scaredy-cat looks like," Jack joked when he saw her coming. "What's wrong with you?"

"I saw a big...I mean BIG spider by the pond." She was panting hard. "It must've been four, five feet tall! Humongous!"

"What? That's impossible." Jack figured it was one of Mazey's dreams. She was always having weird dreams.

"I tell you I saw it!" Mazey suddenly had a terrible thought, "Oh, no! What if it eats Dewey...or Flitz!"

Jack figured she was just waiting to really reel him in to make him feel stupid. He played along. "Well we better go and check on them then huh?"

"I don't want to go back there!"

"O.K. I guess Dewey and Flitz will just be spider supper then. Too bad for them. "

"Maybe if we get Burman and the three of us go...safety in numbers you know." Mazey couldn't leave Dewey and Flitz alone out there.

When they found Burman, Mazey recanted her story of the gigantic spider and this time remembered it had thousands of beady eyes that could probably see a long way and in many directions at once.

Burman was in agreement with Jack. Impossible—and completely likely this was a big joke. He was bored and decided to play along as well.

As they approached the pond, moving slowly, quietly, Mazey remembered more and more about the fiendish spider.

"Did I mention how long its fangs were? They were white and dripping with saliva. Probably ready to eat something. It had long black hair and at least a dozen hairy legs. A mutant. With huge claws at the ends of its legs." Mazey was nearly pale telling the tale.

"What are you talking about!" Dewey looked nearly as pale. He had overheard them as he relaxed on his favorite log.

"Thank goodness you're all right!" Mazey hugged Dewey and filled him in on the terrible beast lurking at the end of the pond. He believed every word.

Jack and Burman looked at each other. They were beginning to wonder if Mazey was telling the truth. She sure sounded convincing.

"It's scientifically impossible." Burman

began. "It's conceivable to think that given excessively perfect conditions: temperature, food source, the ultimate environment...which is not here (he rolled his eyes to show how imperfect he thought Houligan's Hollow was), a spider could get bigger than normal. Maybe ten percent bigger. That's it. It's not genetically possible for it to get bigger than that."

"But what if it's not like a *real* spider, but an *alien* spider sent to take over Houligan's Hollow?" Mazey was looking around nervously.

It was getting darker by the moment. The monstrous creature was probably headed this way right now. With its many claws it would grab all of them up at once then pop them one at a time into its mouth. Mazey wondered what it would feel like being chewed up by razor sharp teeth. A shiver went down her spine that shook her whole body.

Crunching leaves...snapping brush...strange rumbling...headed right toward them! All eyes widened looking to each other as the beast lumbered toward them, growing closer, closer. Even Jack and Burman were not doubting Mazey now. They huddled together waiting to see the monster emerge from the dead grass.

It was just seconds away. From the movement of the brush they could tell it was big. Bigger than any spider...any *normal* spider. Suddenly the creature broke through the brush in all its enormous hideousness.

Mazey screamed in terror and shot straight up in the air, at least three feet.

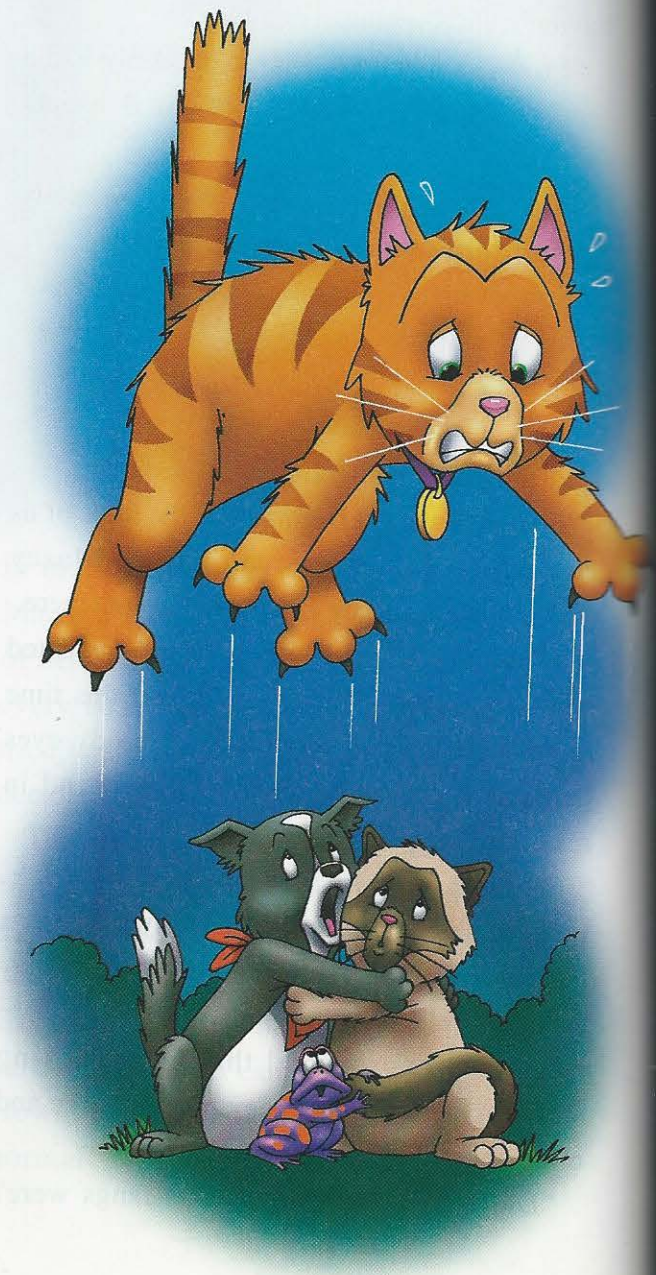
Mud Pack had gotten out of the pig pen again. Everyone was rolling in laughter. They had all been scared out of their wits. Most of all Mazey.

After the laughter died down, and Mud Pack was told what was going on, no one seemed scared of the monster spider anymore. Even Mazey.

Flitz suddenly appeared.

"Hey where were you today? I was looking all over for you." Dewey asked.

"I was at my friend Spinda's. She just crawled into the area. She's a spider."



"Is she kind of *different*? I mean, not the right *size* for a regular spider?" Mazey asked. "I think I saw her earlier."

"She's a little sensitive about her size, so it's best if you don't say anything. Come on and meet her." Flitz buzzed a few inches above the grass so they could follow her. They stopped where Mazey had seen the monstrous shadow. Everyone was a bit nervous again, but if Flitz was her friend, could she really be dangerous?

Mazey imagined being eaten by the huge spider again. Maybe she only ate animals, not bugs. She looked around for the best escape route if Spinda started drooling.

"There she is." Flitz pointed to a log.

No one saw anything. They waited for the giant spider to come out of the log.

"Hi Flitz." The tiniest, quietest voice whispered across the grass.

They all looked around.

Flitz flew down to the log and stood beside a small speck on the log. "Spinda, these are my friends."

Spinda was a teeny, tiny, itsy, bitsy black spider. No looming fangs, no huge beady eyes. Eight legs, not twelve. No claws.

Dewey was the first to welcome her. "You've got a great log here. Very nice. Close to the water."

"Yes we like it. It's kind of funny though. The way the sun hits the log in the afternoon, it really warms you up and it makes a cool shadow on the water. It makes me look much bigger. I wish I was bigger. I have trouble finding friends...or I should say they have trouble finding me because I'm so small."

As they headed home, Mazey knew she wasn't going to live this one down anytime soon. She had really let her imagination run away with her. A giant, mutant spider. She felt really foolish. She was just waiting for them to start in on her.

"I can't believe how carried away I got about that spider."

"You had all of us sucked into your wild imagination. It was kind of fun though. It was like a scary ghost story." Jack wasn't going to let her off the hook completely. "The best part was when Mud Pack came out of the bushes."

Everyone started to laugh again.

Jack continued, "Hey Burman is it genetically possible for a cat to jump that high? Straight up in the air like that? Or is Mazey some sort of *mutant cat*?"

"Definitely a mutant." Burman confirmed.

Mazey sighed. And so it begins. She deserved it and she knew it. The only monster at Houligan's Hollow was in her mind. But, she was happy in the knowledge that with this group of friends, it wouldn't be long before someone else did something silly. Then the heat would be on them, off of her. It was just a matter of time. Hopefully, not a *long* time.

The End

Burman's Brain Benders

Burman is a regular know-it-all. Ask Burman a question and see if he knows the answer. If he answers it here, you get a **FREE GIFT!**

Q Why do people get altitude sickness?
Quinn Huibregtse • Janesville, WI

A *Altitude sickness can occur by travelling quickly to a greater height and staying at the new height for more than 24 hours, without adequate acclimation. Altitude sickness is our body's reaction to the low oxygen pressure (thinner air) of higher altitudes. About 20% of people experience mild symptoms at altitudes between 1.36 and 1.55 miles above sea level. Many ski resorts are found at these altitudes. Altitude sickness is directly related to how fast you climb. By climbing slowly to higher levels and giving your body time to adjust to each level, you reduce your risk of altitude sickness. At Mt. Everest in Nepal, where tourist regions can be as high as 2.5 miles above sea level, the risk is very severe. Some danger signs for serious altitude sickness are severe headache, nausea and repeated vomiting, dizziness, vision problems, pressure in the chest and crackles in breathing, or shortness of breath. So, I'd say just stay home, or if you really feel the need to go up high, take a plane...I'd go first class.*

Q As people get older they get shorter. How come they don't stay the same height?
Rebecca Murphy • Staten Island, NY

A *There are several reasons actually. Gravity can cause the bones in the spine to break down and start to collapse into one another. They end up pressing together and this is what makes a person lose a little height. But perhaps the most common reason is called osteoporosis (say: oss-tee-oh-puh-ro-sis). This occurs when too much spongy bone tissue (found inside most bones) is broken down and not enough new bone material is made. Over time, bone is lost because it's not being replaced. Bones become smaller and weaker and can also break very easily. So, do like cats and be smart—drink your milk so your bones stay strong.*

These were some pretty good questions this time... of course I *knew* the answers, but still they were good questions.

The rest of you can *try* to send me a hard question...at least they might be hard for *you* to answer.

If you have a question to ask Burman's brain, send it to us at:
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Fun Zone

Sometimes you just want to have a little Fun. In this Zone you will find cool stuff to try...just for fun!

Monster Madness

Do you believe in monsters? Even though they don't exist, sometimes it's hard not to believe in them. Like when it's all dark in your bedroom except for the moonlight coming in the window just enough to make you think... "What's that thing at the end of my bed?...What's that hump on the chair?...What's that noise? Is it in the closet...or is it under my bed!!"

MONSTER ~~TAILS~~ TALES

Although no one has yet pulled the monster from under their bed to show on the nightly news, some people...even adults...still believe in monsters.

You've probably heard of some of these creatures—the Abominable Snowman, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster. Stories of these creatures have been going around for many, many years.

Tales of the **ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN** and bigfoot, tend to be about the same. It just depends what part of the world you live in. In the United States, sightings of a big hairy creature who walks upright would be told as being **BIGFOOT** (it is sometimes called Sasquatch or Yeti too). If you were in the Himalayan mountains near Tibet, the upright creature lurking in the mountains would be the Abominable Snowman. Even though no one has ever gotten a clear picture or captured one...or ever found one dead... people still believe they exist.

In Scotland, there is a huge land-locked lake. That

Friendly Monster Box

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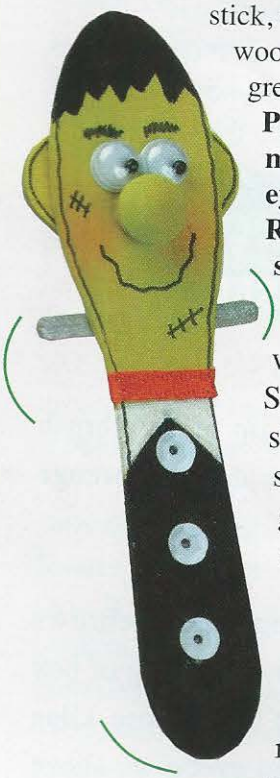
Monster Pin



Stuff you need: **Wooden items:** craft stick, wooden pick, small heart, 1/4" wooden button. **Acrylic paint:** green, red, black, white, silver. **Paint brushes, Permanent marker** black fine tip, **Wiggle eyes** two 6mm, **Tacky glue , Ribbon** orange 1/8", **White sequins, Pin back**

Make It: Cut 1¼" from wooden pick with scissors. Sand both edges and paint with silver. Paint top 2" of spoon, small heart and button with green. Paint small pointed collar with white as shown. Paint remainder of spoon handle and zig-zagged hair with black. Drybrush two cheeks on sides of face with red. Outline spoon and heart with black marker. Glue button nose in center of face and eyes above nose. With marker, draw eyebrows, smile, and two scars. Glue heart to back of head extending out as ears. Glue silver pick to back of neck (neck bolts). Glue orange ribbon around neck and three white sequins down black handle. Glue pin back to back of monster.

Products used by our designer **Linda Valentino**

• Forster Woodsies • Lara's Crafts • DecoArt Americana Acrylic Paints • Loew-Cornell American Painters 4000 Series Brushes #6 Shader, #1 Stencil, #0 liner • EK Success ZIG Memory System Writer • Beacon Adhesives Kid Choice Glue!

Put your monster brain to work to answer these monstrous questions. Then, write the numbered letters into the corresponding spaces at the bottom to discover a secret about Bigfoot.

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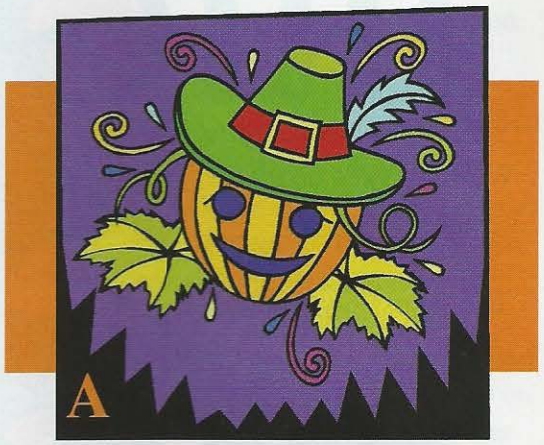
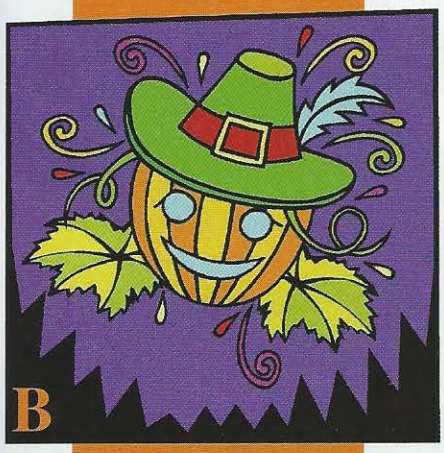
Harvest Holiday Matchup

These seven pictures may look similiar, but only two are exactly alike. Can you find them?





Answers on pg 64-66

Info Zone

Pumpkins

We've tracked down the facts on everything you could possibly want to know about...

Largest Pumpkin...

The new world record for the largest pumpkin is held by Charlie Houghton of New Hampshire with a pumpkin weighing in at 1337.6 pounds!

Fastest Carver...

On December 14, 2000, Steve Clarke of Havertown, Pennsylvannia became the fastest pumpkin carver ever. Steve carved a pumpkin in 1 minute, 14.8 seconds.

Ancient Pumpkins...

Pumpkin seeds have been used since ancient times as a source of protein, minerals and vitamins.

Pumpkin Seeds...

An average sized pumpkin contains about 1 cup of seeds.

Jack-O-Lanterns...

90% of pumpkins are sold for decorating.

Giant Pumpkin Growers...

Those who seek to grow record setting pumpkins plant Atlantic Giant pumpkins.

How do you mend a jack-o-lantern?

With a pumpkin patch

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

Squash

What did the pumpkin say after dinner?

Good-Pie

How to grow a monster pumpkin...

Most growers of Atlantic Giants pumpkins carefully select one or two pumpkins to keep on the vine. Keeping two for a time, then selecting the largest and fastest growing of the two, they cut the smaller one off. It is believed the plant will then direct all its energy towards the remaining pumpkin.

Decorate your door with a happy jack-o-lantern

Pumpkins for Pilgrims...

Pilgrims used pumpkins for many purposes. They dried pumpkins and made the shells into bowls for eating as well as jars for storage.

Story of Cinderella...

"Pumpkin" first appeared in the 17th century when the Cinderella fairy tale was written. Early references to pumpkins go back several hundred years when they were called "Pompions" which is from the Greek word pepon, which means "cooked by the sun".

Native Pumpkins...

It is known that American Indian tribes grew pumpkins for food long before any European explorers arrived. Columbus carried pumpkin seeds back to Europe, but the pumpkins were used to feed pigs. Native Americans depended on pumpkins to help them through the lengthy winters. Over the centuries, they found many ways to enjoy the sweet inner meat of this nutritious winter squash.

Fruit or Vegetable?

A pumpkin is a fruit.

Materials Needed:
Door hanger; Wooden shapes: two medium circles, one medium octagon; Acrylic paint-orange, yellow, blue, green, black, red; Paintbrushes; Stylus; Transfer paper; Permanent black marker; Tacky glue; Raffia; 8" wire; Wiggle eyes-10mm; Scissors.

Make It: Using pattern on pg 58, transfer solid pumpkin and stem lines on door hanger using transfer paper and stylus. Paint pumpkin orange, stem green, and background blue. Paint circles yellow and octagon orange. Using stencil brush, drybrush outside edge of door hanger, circles and octagon with black. Glue octagon nose 1½" from bottom of hanger. Glue yellow circles above nose and wiggle eyes on circles. Drybrush cheeks with red. Outline top of pumpkin and stem with black marker. Transfer dashed lines on pumpkin and trace with black marker. Draw a wiggly smile. Make a bow from a piece of raffia. Coil wire around marker and pull out slightly. Wrap around raffia bow. Glue bow and wire to left of stem.

Products used by our designer Linda Valentino

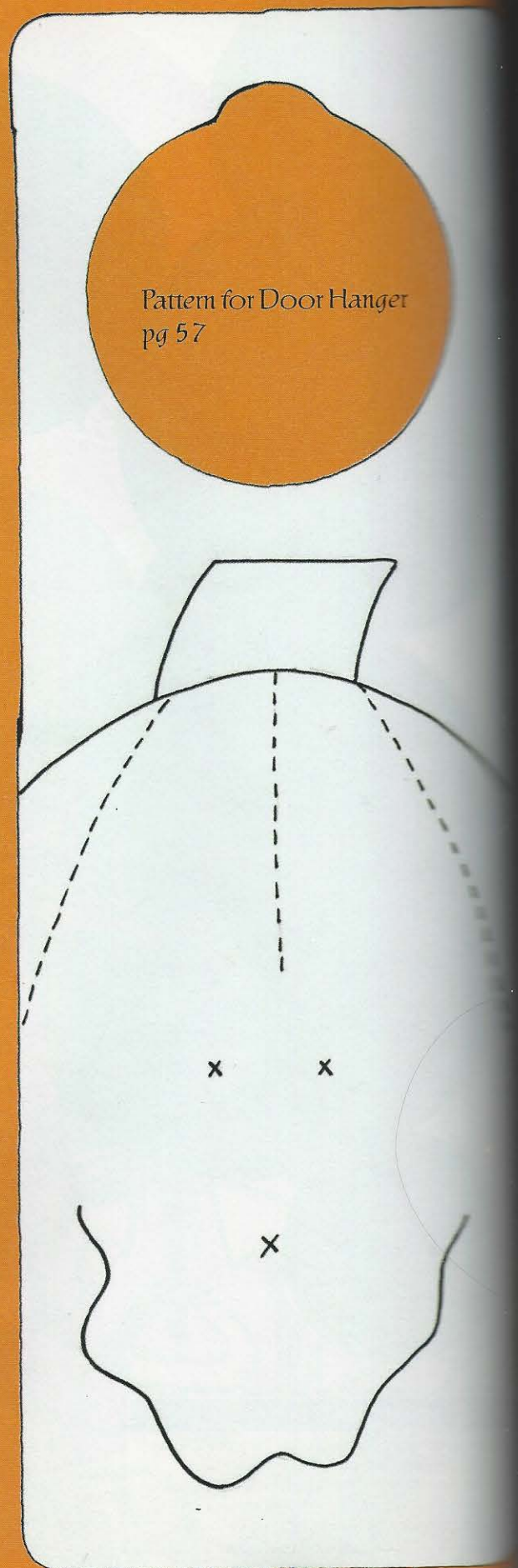
• Lara's Crafts Door Hanger • Forster Woodsies Wooden Shapes • DecoArt Americana Acrylic Paints • Loew-Cornell American Painter 4000 Series Brushes-#10 shader, #6 shader, #1 stencil • EK Success ZIG Memory System Marker • Beacon Adhesives Kids Choice Glue!

Dog Gone

Your dog has run away and you need to get him home. With a pencil, draw a line from the start space (where your dog is) to another box making compound words as you travel toward your house (the finish). You can move up and down, and side to side but not diagonally. Get your "Dog" to your "House."

Start DOG	POUND	HARD	BALL
PADDLE	CAKE	WALK	WAY
BOAT	YARD	STICK	OUT
TAIL	SALE	UP	HOUSE Finish

Answers on pg 64-66



Safety Zone

You always want to be Safe. We'll tell you how to keep yourself and others out of harm's way.

It's Fire Prevention Time

Information provided courtesy of the **American Red Cross**

October 5th-11th is National Fire Prevention week. Are you ready? Do you know what to do if there's a fire? Do you know how to prevent a fire in the first place?

If you do, that's great! If not, then we'll help you get ready.

Set some time out with your family to go over what you need to know now so everyone is fire ready.

Make Your Home Fire Safe

1. Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
2. If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas too.
3. Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. Replace all batteries at least once a year (Fire Prevention Week might be a good time to do it so you'll remember).
4. Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms each month.
5. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the number one cause of home fire deaths.

Having a working smoke alarm in your home reduces your chance of dying in a fire by almost half.

Plan Your Escape

1. Know at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
2. You may need to consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the upper levels of your home. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.
3. Select a location outside your house where everyone would meet after escaping.
4. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

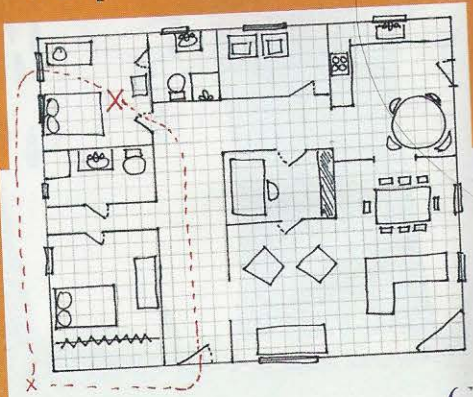
FIRE FACTS

- A house fire is reported every 2 minutes.
- Nearly 10 people die every day in house fires.
- Candles are a common cause of home fires.

- Most home fires start in the kitchen.

Map It Out

Draw a map of your home and sit down with your family to review how you'd escape each room if there were a fire. Remember, know two ways out of each room.



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Rules to Escape Safely

1. Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.

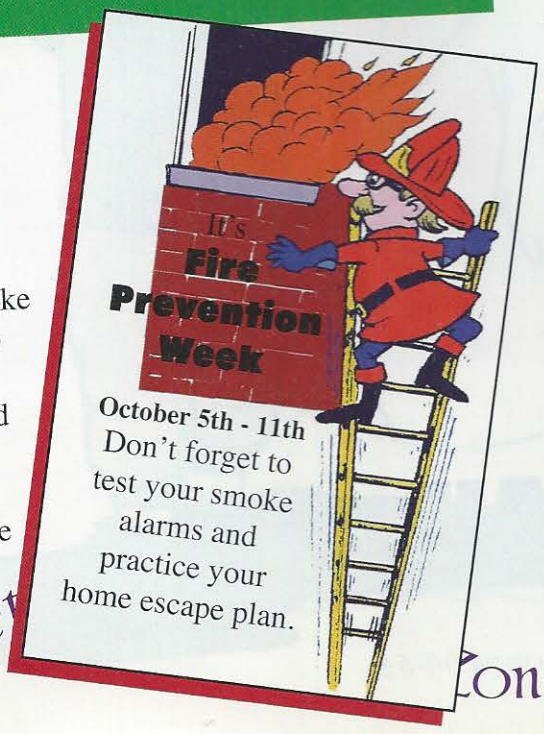
2. If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.

3. If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm use your second way out.

4. If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

Remind Your Friends

Make a postcard like this one to send to family and friends to remind them to be safe.



FIRE Safety Review

After you've read the information on pages 59-61, see if you can answer these questions. Quiz other members of your family too.

1. You need to know ____ ways out of each room of your home.

2. When should you call the fire department if your house in on fire? _____

3. How often should you test batteries in your smoke alarm? _____

4. How often should you replace batteries in your smoke alarm? _____

5. Where will you meet your family outside if you have a fire? _____

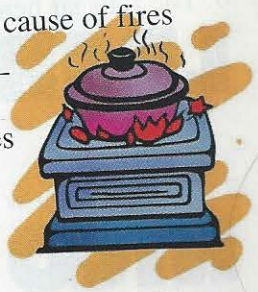
6. If you have to go through smoke to get outside, what should you do? _____

7. How often should you practice your escape plan? _____

8. What is the number one cause of fires in the home? _____

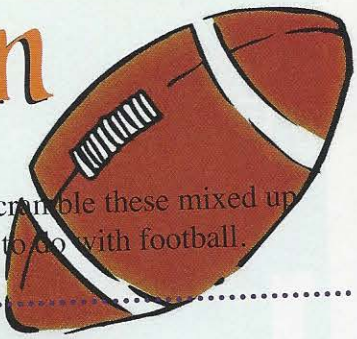
9. What room do most fires occur? _____

10. How often are house fires reported? _____



Answers on pg 64-66

Football Season Scramble



Read the clues below to unscramble these mixed up words. Hint—They all have to do with football.

1. The kids with the pom-poms who root for the team.

HECELRAEDRES

2. A slang term for a football.

SGIPIKN

3. You get six points for this.

TCHDOUONW

4. At each end of the field.

LOAG STPO

5. They measure the ball movement by this.

DRAY

6. The fans sit here.

LBCHEEASR

7. How they know who goes first.

NICO SOTS

8. The one that gets the ball first everytime.

BARTERQCKAU

Answers on pg 64-66

Burman and Flitz

Color the picture, draw some more into the scene, then write a story about what's going on.

Answers

Houligan's Hollow
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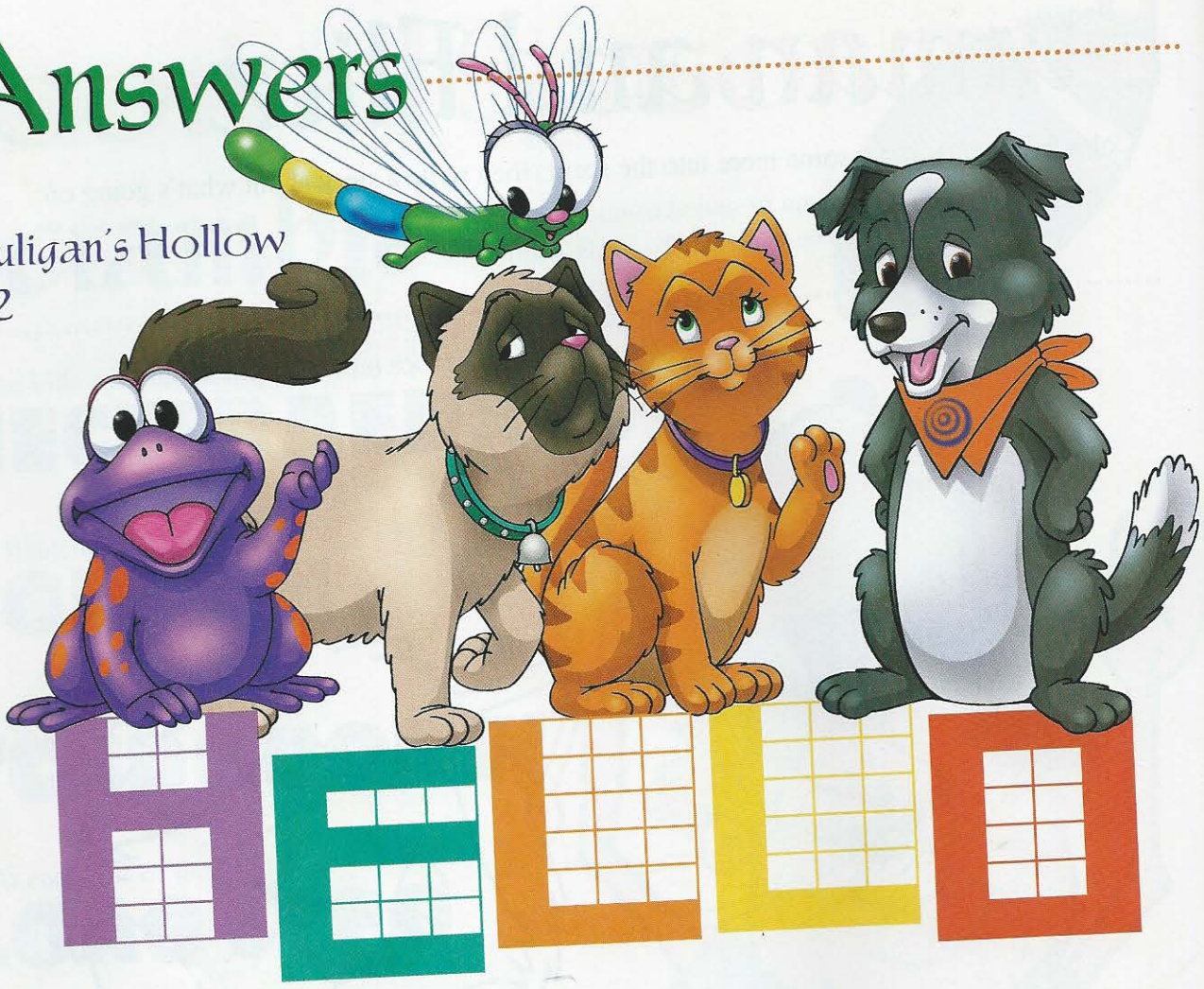

Monster Matchup
Pg 7

A & D

Why the others don't match:
B. Monster has purple spots.
C. Mom's tongue is gone.
E. Hat is pink.
F. Hair's on monster's head are missing.
G. Monster has one tooth gone.

Arachnids Word Find · Pg 9

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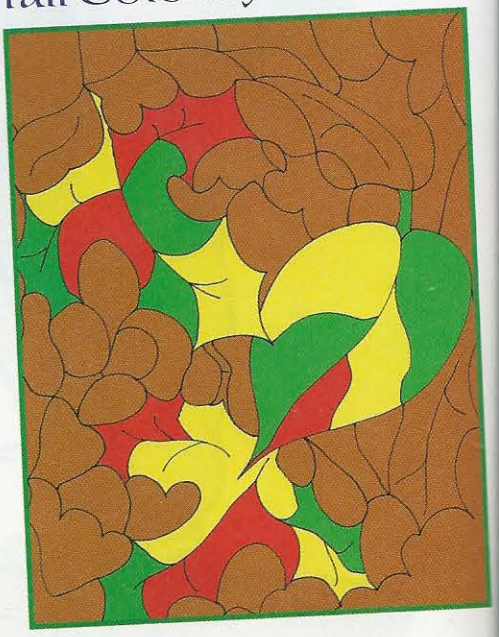
Fall Coloring Find · Pg 11



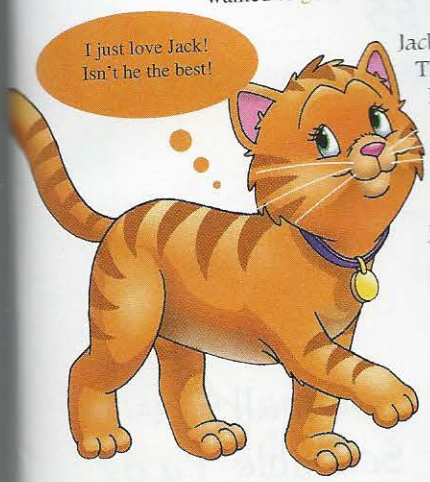
Opposite Talk · Pg 12

Jack: "Hi, Mazey!" How's my best friend? Are you having a good day?"

Mazey: "I'm having a very good day! I've been trying to find you all day. I'm glad that you're here now."

Jack: "I've been playing all alone. I'm happy I ran in to you. I'd like to play with you now."

Mazey: "I was thinking good thoughts about you all day. I wanted to go so I could find you. But I stayed to help Burman."

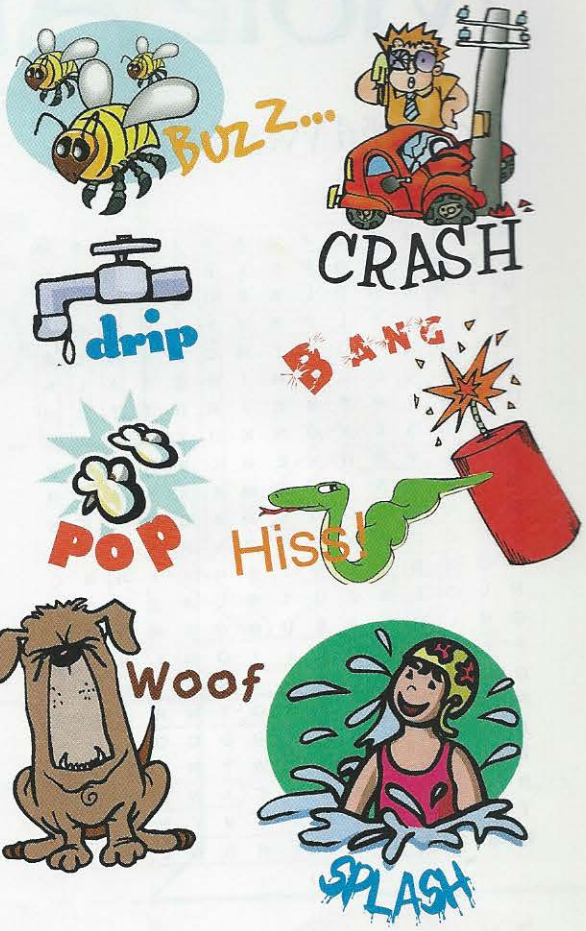


Jack: You are so nice to be thinking of me. That's great that you were here for Burman."

Mazey: "If we hurry we can do some exploring before it gets dark."

Jack: "Let's go then. That sounds fun."

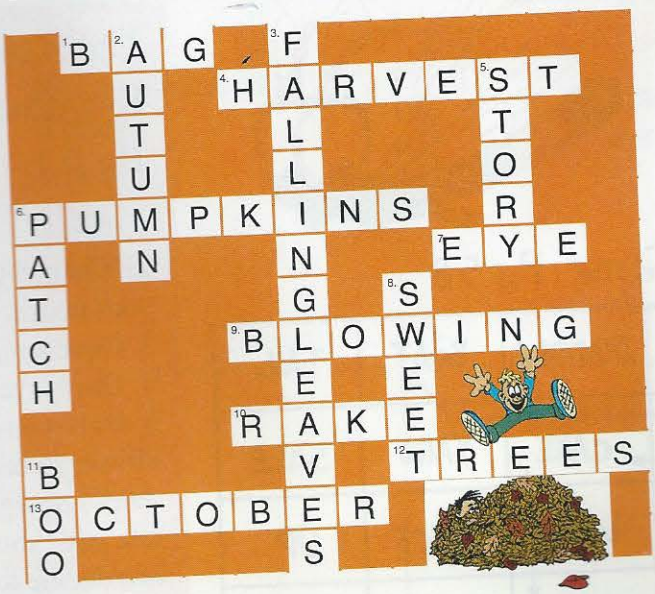
Onomatopoeia · Pg 18



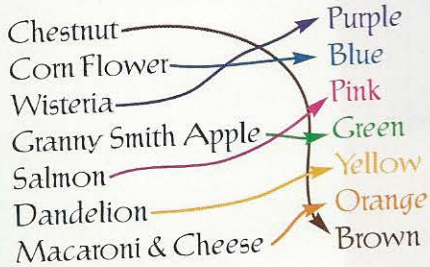
Test Your Bat Knowledge · Pg 22

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. C

Autumn Crossword · Pg 24



Color Quiz · Pg 35



Pumpkin Days · Pg 32

Have A Great Fall Ya'll!

More Answers

Colorful Word Find
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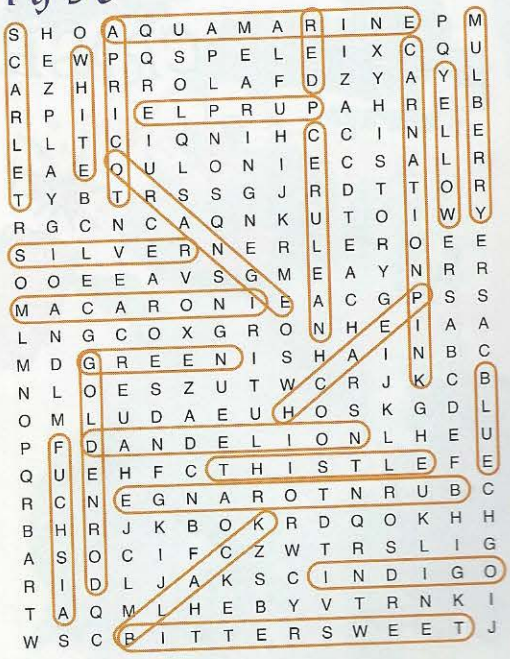


Fill in the Answer
Pg 44

1. Fist
2. First
3. Fizzle
4. Firefly
5. Figurine
6. Fireproof
7. Fishmonger
8. Firecracker

Monter Minds
Pg 54

1. Frankenstein
2. Horror
3. Bigfoot
4. Cookie Monster
5. Randall
6. Scaredy

I'm Afraid of the Dark

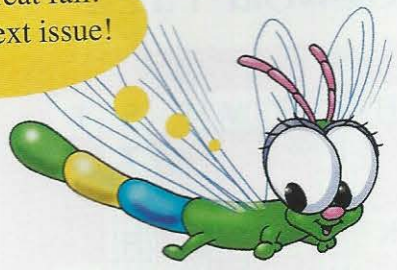
Harvest Matchup · Pg 55

D & F

Why the others don't match:

A. Top "teardrop" is blue.
B. Face is blue.
C. Bottom swirl is missing.
E. "Teardrop" on right is missing.
G. Hat buckle is missing.

Have a great fall.
See you next issue!



Dog Gone · Pg 58

Start DOG ↓	PADDLE	BOAT	TAIL
POUND →	CAKE	YARD	SALE
HARD	WALK ↓	STICK	UP
BALL	WAY →	OUT →	HOUSE Finish

Fire Safety Review
Pg 61

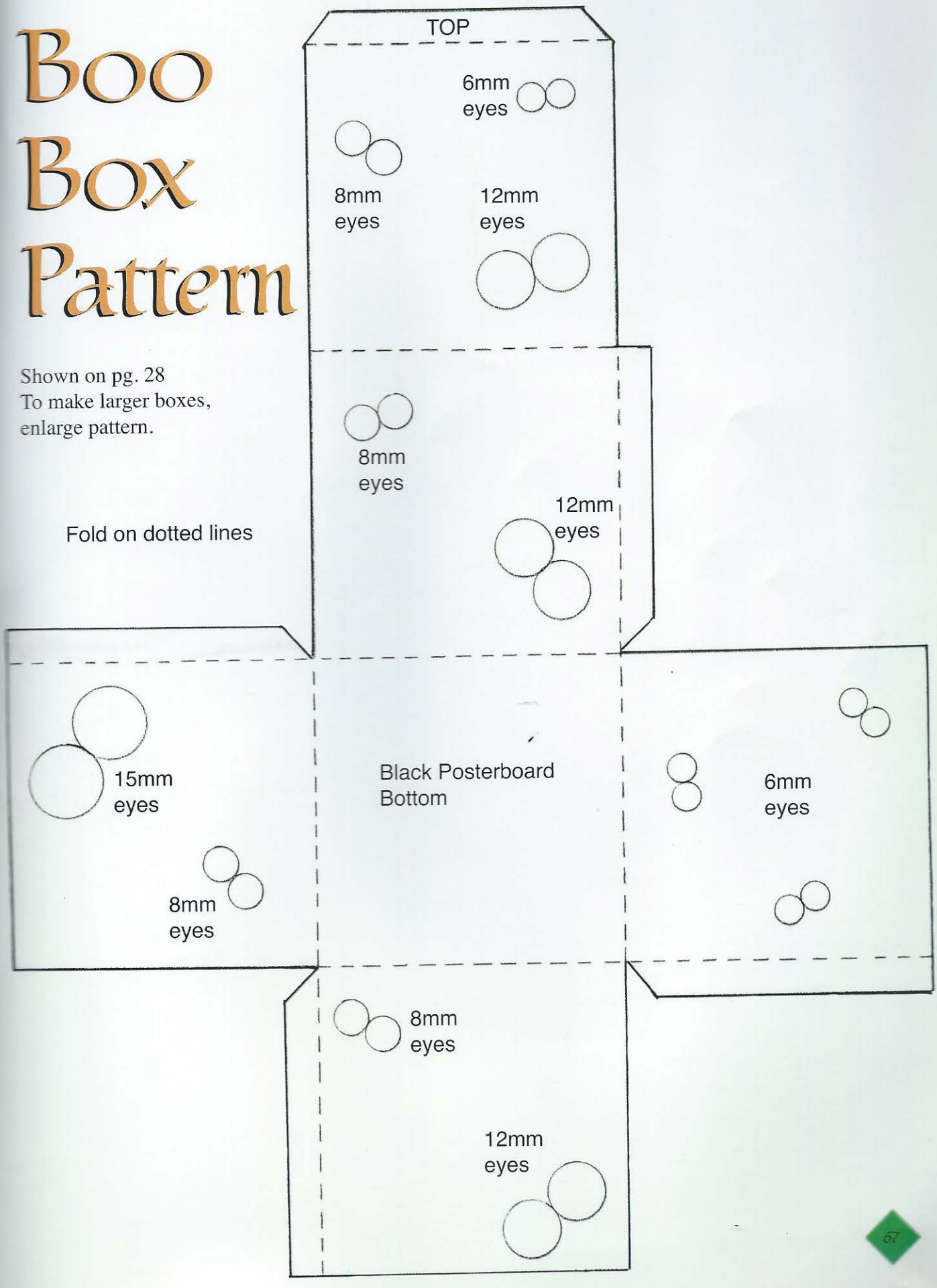
1. Two
2. When you are out of your house.
3. Once a month.
4. Once a year.
5. Only you know the answer to this. If you don't know you better talk with your family and decide today!
6. Stay low.
7. At least twice a year.
8. Cooking.
9. Kitchen.
10. Every two minutes.

Football Season Scramble · Pg 62

1. Cheerleaders
2. Pigskin
3. Touchdown
4. Goal Post
5. Yard
6. Bleachers
7. Coin Toss
8. Quarterback

Boo Box Pattern

Shown on pg. 28
To make larger boxes, enlarge pattern.



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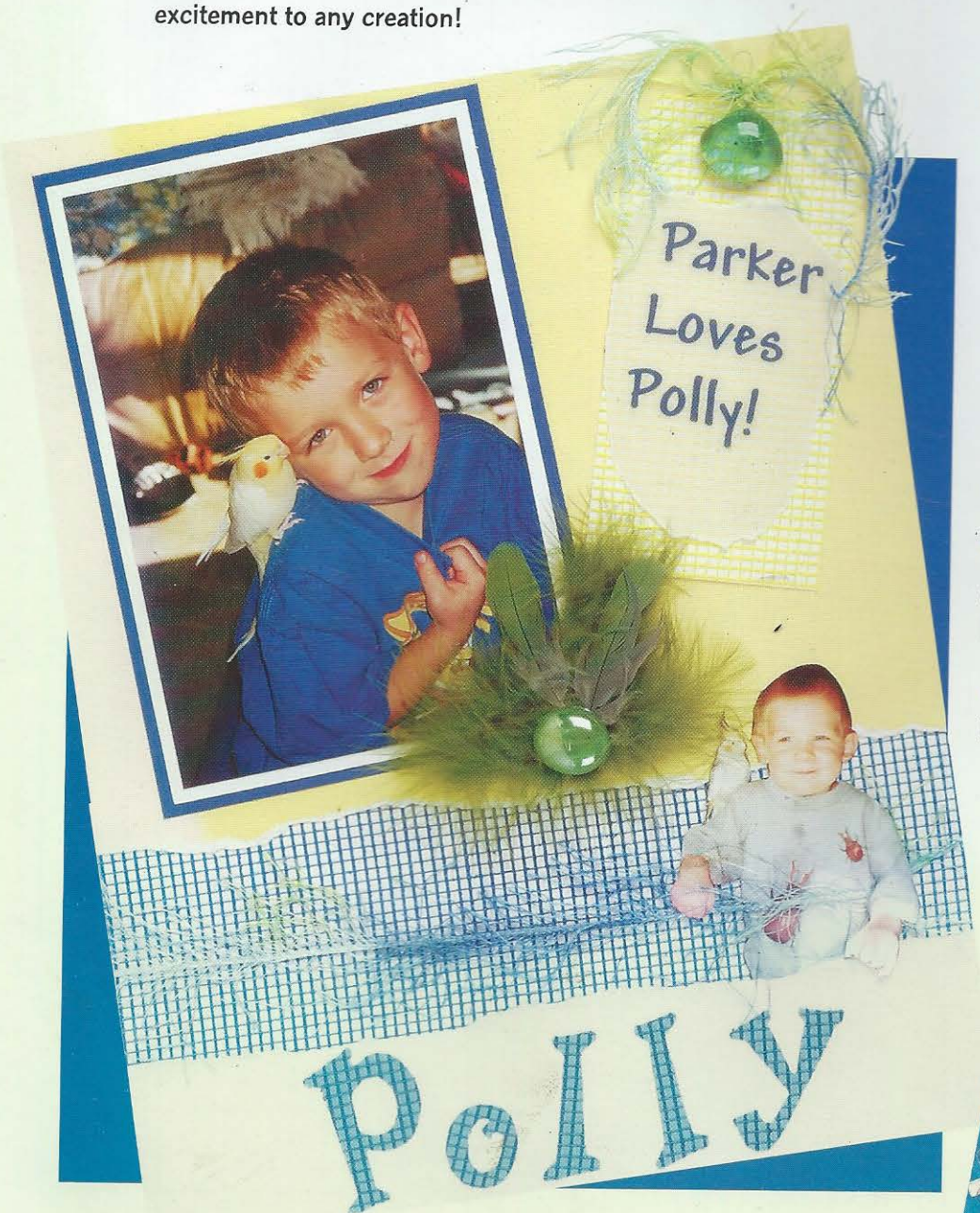

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